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Gaddafi forces crush coup attempt

ROME. — Forces loyal to Col. Muammar Gaddafi apparently crushed an attempted coup launched yesterday morning against the barracks where the Libyan leader normally lives with his family, western diplomatic sources and an Italian news agency said.

"Gaddafi has apparently pulled through again. Our preliminary information is that the attack is over and the coup apparently failed," said a well-informed western diplomat in Rome.

"The number (of attackers) we keep hearing is 20, but we don't know if that is how many people were involved from the beginning or holding out at the end," the diplomat told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Earlier, the Italian news agency Ansa reported from the Libyan capital of Tripoli that a group attacked Gaddafi's heavily-protected barracks south of the city with rockets and automatic weapons.

Neither the news agency nor the western diplomat knew if Gaddafi was inside the Bab el-Aziziya barracks at the time. The military com-

pound is surrounded by sophisticated security devices, including television cameras, electric fences, bunkers and guard towers.

The Rome office of the official Libyan news agency Jana denied that there had been any attack and said Tripoli had been calm all day.

The Italian state-run television RAI said that shortly after the attack, four or five armoured vehicles broke out of the barracks, with men inside firing machine-guns on the attackers, who took refuge in a nearby building.

Ansa said at 3 p.m. vehicles carrying men armed with machine-guns firing into the air rumbled through the streets.

Later, however, police sealed off the area, and quiet returned to the city, according to westerners reached by telephone by the AP in Rome.

Meanwhile, another dispatch of the Libyan news agency said Libyan security forces killed a group of British- and Sudanese-trained terrorists who took a number of women and children hostage in an apartment.

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Bill Thorpe (left) and Gina Hemphill, grandchildren of Olympic greats Jim Thorpe and Jesse Owens, hold the Olympic torch high in New York yesterday as they begin their journey to Los Angeles. They ran the first kilometre of the Olympic flame relay, which ends at the Los Angeles Coliseum on July 28 for the opening of the games.

(UPI telephoto)

Herut-Liberal merger may end Gahal struggle

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A possible compromise between Herut and the Liberals unifying the Likud before the elections rather than cutting the Liberal component of the Likud down to size — is being whispered about in both parties.

The talks about amending the Gahal agreement have been put off till the Herut central committee finishes electing the party's Knesset

candidates. The final round of the Herut internal elections will be held today and talks about relations between Herut and the Liberals are expected to resume soon after.

But reliable sources in both Herut and the Liberals have told *The Jerusalem Post* that some form of agreement is already in the offing.

According to reports from both parties, the present Knesset list will be put together according to the ratio spelled out in the 1965 Gahal

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Israel cool to Berri choice as minister for S. Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Senior Israeli officials yesterday indicated a strong lack of enthusiasm for the appointment by the Lebanese government of Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri as minister responsible for Southern Lebanon.

Berri recently called for increased resistance to the Israeli Defence Forces in south Lebanon.

Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche, speaking to the Foreign Press Association, warned that "it would not be advantageous to the Shi'ites of south Lebanon to get into a situation of complete confrontation with us," Israel,

he said, would evacuate Southern Lebanon only when it has established adequate security guarantees for its northern border and would not honour any Lebanese demand for withdrawal before then.

Kimche said Israel would welcome cooperation, adding: "I believe that Mr. Nabih Berri is sufficiently intelligent to realize that it would be good for his people, the Shia, as well as for his country to have that cooperation with us."

Kimche added, however, "It also depends what his Syrian mentors allow him to do."

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'Blatant political action' U.S. says Soviet boycott of Olympics unjustified

WASHINGTON (AP). — A U.S. State Department spokesman yesterday denounced the Soviet Union's decision to boycott this summer's Olympic Games in Los Angeles as "a blatant political action for which there is no justification."

Elsewhere, the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee said it would have no immediate comment, while host city Mayor Tom Bradley said he hoped the Soviets would change their mind.

John Hughes, chief spokesman for the State Department, told reporters the U.S. made every effort to ease Soviet concerns about security of Soviet athletes competing at the Olympics and said all allegations to the contrary are "totally false."

"The conscience of the United States is clear," Hughes said. "We have nothing to apologize for."

In yesterday's announcement that Soviet athletes would not compete in the summer games, a statement issued by the Soviet National Olympic Committee said that "extremist organizations and groupings of all sorts, aiming to create 'unbearable conditions' for the stay of the Soviet delegation and performance of Soviet athletes, have sharply stepped up their activity with direct connivance of the American authorities."

Israel Olympics body deplores Soviet action

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "The withdrawal of the Soviet Union from the Los Angeles Olympics is a very grave development, which could destroy the Olympic movement and the Olympic ideal," Israel Olympic Committee President Yitzhak Ofek said last night.

The IOC chief termed "ridiculous" Soviet allegations that security in Los Angeles would be inadequate. "We are absolutely satisfied

with the arrangements being made in Los Angeles for the safety of the Israeli Olympic team," Ofek stressed.

Although the Israel committee joined the American-initiated boycott of the 1980 Olympics in Moscow at the direct request of the Israeli government, Ofek said "nevertheless the boycott was a mistake. The Americans should have realized then the danger of the Soviet Union's retaliating at these 1984 games in Los Angeles."

All terror suspects to see lawyers

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

By tomorrow evening all the suspects under arrest in the alleged Jewish terror underground will have met with their lawyers.

Among those suspects is a former high-ranking police officer involved in anti-terrorism. Itm yesterday reported that the arrested also include two army majors. One is a staff officer in the civilian administration who lives in Shiloh; the other is a Jerusalemite who until recently was deputy governor of one of the West Bank districts. These two officers are suspected of helping pass weapons to those suspected of involvement in the terrorist acts. Reuters reports that one of those arrested on the Golan Heights is a reserve air force officer.

There are 25 men under arrest and sources yesterday said that charges will be brought against them in less than two weeks.

Itm reported yesterday that the security forces were seeking a man connected with the Jewish underground, who disappeared when the first arrests were made.

The sources indicated that the prosecution will seek to charge the men in groups, according to the terror action for which they are suspected of responsibility.

At the High Court of Justice yesterday, Justice Dov Levin expressed outrage over the publicity in the press about the case.

"There appear to be two agencies involved in this case, the police and another agency," said Levin. "That other agency," he added, referring to the General Security Service, "doesn't leak information."

Deputy State Attorney Dorit Beinisch, appearing on behalf of the

state, said that her office, too, is looking into the matter of the leaks about the case. The head of the GSS yesterday said the publicity was "harmful to the investigation."

The court was hearing an application from Aharon Bruchin, on behalf of his clients, who have not yet been allowed to meet with him.

The court proposed a compromise whereby all of the suspects — except six, who apparently are not yet cooperating with their interrogators — were permitted yesterday to meet with their attorneys, in the presence of an investigator. Tomorrow the remaining six, as well as all the others, will be permitted to meet with their attorneys, without an investigator present.

The investigation, which appears to be close to completion, was brought up yesterday in the cabinet.

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Gunman kills three in Quebec assembly

QUEBEC (AP). — A man in military garb claiming to be a Canadian soldier staged a solo assault with a submachine gun on the Quebec Provincial Assembly yesterday, killing at least three people and injuring at least 12 others, authorities said.

The gunman identified himself as Daniel Lortie and said in a taped message he wanted to destroy the Parti Quebecois government. A provincial police spokesman said the attacker was taken into custody almost five hours after the incident started.

The gunman fired a burst of shots outside the ornate assembly building in the heart of this historic city, then entered the legislative chamber shortly before the daily sitting was to begin, witnesses said.

Standing by the speaker's chair, he fired more rounds at journalists and assembly staff members.

Witnesses said the man shouted

"where are the MNAs" referring to the title Member of National Assembly — I want to kill them," and claimed to be a member of the Royal 22nd Regiment of the Canadian Armed Forces, based in nearby Valcartier.

Spokesmen at two local hospitals reported three people dead and 12 injured. The motives for the attack were not immediately clear.

No politicians were believed to be among the casualties. Premier Rene Levesque was in Montreal, but hurried back to the capital.

A television cameraman who witnessed the shooting in the chamber told a radio reporter that one of the victims, who had been wounded in the arm, got up and passed in front of the gunman who was sitting in the speaker's chair.

The gunman reportedly said: "I'm sorry for wounding you, but that's life."

Cabinet briefed on abduction

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The cabinet was briefed yesterday on the government's efforts to secure the release of the three liaison officers captured last week by the Lebanese and handed over to the Syrians.

No details of the briefing were available, since the cabinet met as the Ministerial Committee on Security.

Ministers and other cabinet sources refused to confirm or deny foreign reports about efforts made by an Israeli commando squad to rescue the three men at the time of the abduction.

The three men — low-level officials at Israel's Beirut liaison office — were caught between a Lebanese Army roadblock and a Syrian Army unit last week as they went on a planned outing. They got back to the Lebanese lines, but the regional officer of the Lebanese Army — apparently an officer appointed by the Franjeh family — acquiesced to Syrian demands that the three Israelis be handed over to the Syrians.

The ministers were briefed on the incident by Hanan Bar-On, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

Officers demand inquiry into Sharon's role in 1982 battles

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter and Itm

TEL AVIV. — Five Israel Defence Forces reserve officers, three of them high-ranking, yesterday demanded that a commission of inquiry be set up to investigate former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon's role in two battles in Lebanon in the summer of 1982, in which dozens of Israeli lives were lost.

The officers charged at a news conference here that the battles were waged under Sharon's direction, behind the cabinet's back and without its approval, and that the "weird manner" in which they were conducted caused unnecessary loss of life.

The five, who said 40 soldiers died in the battles, were Sheli leader and reserve colonel Ran Cohen, and four

officers who participated in the events — reserve lieutenant-colonels Assaf Shohet and Ami Arzi, and reserve captains Ron Shahor and Dagan Sadeh. Cohen said yesterday's news conference had nothing to do with Sheli.

"If I thought there had been casualties because of errors during battle, I would not dream of making the issue public," Cohen said. "But in both cases — during the 'crawl' to the Beirut-Damascus highway in June and the 'crawl' toward West Beirut in August — the army was forced to fight in ways not appropriate to its training and usual way of doing things. In both cases, there was a cease-fire that Ariel Sharon wanted to evade so he gave orders that enabled him to accomplish his purpose without having to get

cabinet approval."

Arzi said that it is accepted practice to hold inquiries in the IDF, but nothing had been done in this case.

Shohet, who commanded a unit during one of the battles, said he had reached the conclusion that he could not hold an IDF position until there was an inquiry of the "terrible waste that took place where I was."

Cohen complained Sharon had never commented on criticisms that he and others had raised, except to tell a *Jerusalem Post* reporter that he does not comment on nonsense.

"The IDF spokesman said the History Department and other relevant departments in the army cannot investigate because the Defence Ministry forbade it, but the Defence Ministry spokesman said it had nothing to do with his ministry. We

would have preferred to keep this within the IDF, but after two years we feel we have no choice but to make it public," Cohen said.

Some of the officers involved in these incidents had written to then prime minister Menachem Begin. Begin replied that he could not comment on the criticisms without an investigation — that the recipients of his letter hoped was a promise that a commission of inquiry would be established. Begin added that he was glad the authors of the letter understood the importance of an order given by those elected to make decisions, and was also glad they wanted to protect the IDF's name.

Cohen said he had been in the IDF unit after early elections were decided upon, and therefore had been unable to speak out before.

IDF bringing in high-technology radio equipment

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

HOLON. — The Israel Defence Forces has begun replacing its radios with high-technology transmitter equipment. These transmitters can provide secure communications even at times of heavy use of the airwaves and severe enemy interference, military correspondents were told during a tour of the Tadiran works here yesterday.

Tadiran's very-high-frequency 88 series provides 2,320 channels over

which users may whisper, talk normally or send computer data. Broadcasting can automatically hop from one channel to another according to a preset programme so only receivers programmed in the same manner can tune in, it was stated.

It will take several years to complete the change, according to former military-intelligence chief Yehoshua Saguy, who is an adviser to the general manager of Tadiran's systems division.

Meanwhile, Tadiran is developing systems that can detect electromagnetic signals and locate and monitor hostile emitters. Some of the equipment is designed to disrupt enemy communications without interfering with friendly communications, the company said.

Reporters were shown a new airborne system that will detect radar and other signals. It can detect their locations, display them on a map and compare that with earlier maps and locations from previous flights. It can thus easily detect new or changed sites and is also able to

differentiate between very active and less active weapons, a Tadiran official said.

The airborne system, which has a range of 400 kilometres when operated from a height of 35,000 to 40,000 feet, can direct operations against active weapons systems.

Saguy said it will take some time before Tadiran and the Israel Aircraft Industries jointly produce a pilotless plane. The two manufacturers, which competed to sell their different models, have agreed to work on the plane together.

Life expectancy is 74 in Israel

Newborns in Israel can expect to live to the age of 74, according to a study released by the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau.

The bureau, a private study group, said Iceland residents have the highest life expectancy, 77 years, while it is only 40 years for newborns in Ethiopia, Chad and Afghanistan.

The bureau estimated the world's population at nearly 4.8 billion this year, up 85 million from 1983.

Other life expectancies include 74 years in the U.S., 73 in the United Kingdom, 66 in Syria and Lebanon, and 56 in Egypt. (AP)

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	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
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Safed	50	12-14	15
Haifa Port	65	17-22	24
Tiberias	42	16-27	37
Nazareth	56	13-20	27
Afula	57	13-24	31
Sharon	55	13-20	27
Tel Aviv	65	16-22	24
B-G Airport	54	16-23	24
Jericho	23	17-29	36
Gaza	23	17-29	36
Beersheba	23	15-24	32
Eilat	15	19-32	32

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer this week visited the Masada publishing company, where Bracha Peli, its 92-year-old founder, presented him with the first volume of a new series, "Yad Latal-mud."

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold its weekly meeting at the Gadot Petrochemical factory today. The meeting will start at 12.30 p.m.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will visit the Jerusalem Cinematheque and Israel Film Archives today. The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. in the Cinematheque cafeteria.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. David Tessler and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Zwaig, Canada. Prof. John Beck of the U.S. for the 14th Board of Governors Meeting of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Arrivals for the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the University of Haifa: Mr. Nathan S. Ansell, Prof. R.M. Loran, Baril, Alderman and Mrs. David Bloomberg; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Burdman; Mr. Victor Conway; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Everett; Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Galanter; Mr. Louis H. Golden; Mr. Joe Kuen; Mr. Lee Levy; Mr. Mark Levy; Mr. Shirley Levy; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lipshutz; Mr. Edmund Lisk; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mann; Mr. and Mrs. Dany Miller; Mr. Harold Panser; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rosen; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutenberg; Mr. Morris Sherman; Mr. and Mrs. Sigmond Strohitz; Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Wolf. Among them are also Mr. Greville Janner Q.C., M.P., and Mr. Phil Zimman who are to receive Honorary doctorates, and Mr. David Sala who is to be presented with the Carmel Award of Merit.

GADDAFI

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ment block in Tripoli yesterday.

In a bulletin telexed to Bahrain, the agency said the terrorists had "infiltrated" yesterday morning into the building and taken hostages when they were discovered.

Security forces stormed the building and killed the terrorists when they refused to surrender, it said.

It said the terrorists had been trained in camps in Sudan and received further training from police in Britain.

Jana quoted its political editor as saying Libya "reserved the right to punish those who trained and equipped the terrorists with weapons and implements of destruction."

Ne'eman: Can bomb Iran to stop gassings

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman hinted yesterday that Israel is capable of bombing Iran to stop it from using gas to kill people.

He was commenting on reports that the Iranian authorities were killing Jews, Druse and Bahai in Iran with Zyklon B, the same gas the Germans used in World War II in their organized mass murder of Jews, Gypsies and others.

The minister's spokesman yesterday quoted Ne'eman as saying that "there is no doubt that if such dangers emerge in the future, we can stop them."

The spokesman, who was asked whether that was a threat to bomb Iran, checked with the minister and later confirmed that that was Ne'eman's meaning.

ARAB AFFAIRS. — Amir Heshin has been appointed Arab affairs adviser to Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, succeeding Maurice Zilka.

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HOME NEWS

Jemayel meets Franjieh about cabinet nominee

BEIRUT (AP). — President Amin Jemayel travelled to Syrian-controlled northern Lebanon yesterday in an effort to bring the last hold-out into a national coalition government intended to steer Lebanon out of civil war.

State and privately owned radio stations said Jemayel met with ex-president Suleiman Franjieh immediately after his arrival by helicopter at the Summar Jbeil army barracks in the northern Lebanese province of Batroun.

Franjieh, the most powerful Maronite warlord in the north, had resented the appointment of his Greek Orthodox son-in-law Abdulla Rassi to represent him as interior minister in the national unity cabinet. Franjieh had wanted to be represented by a Maronite.

Rassi consequently refused to take up his post in the half-Christian, half-Muslim cabinet under Syrian-backed Prime Minister Rashid Karamah eight days ago.

Jemayel's move came the day after a week-long deadlock over Shi'ite demands for a greater role in handling the Israeli occupation of

southern Lebanon was broken with the naming of Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri as minister of state for southern Lebanon and Reconstruction.

Local radio stations said Karamah's cabinet was expected to hold its first working session today. They said it would concentrate on reopening Beirut port and airport and resuming traffic between East and West Beirut.

BEIRUT (AP). — An American Presbyterian pastor was kidnapped yesterday as he walked near his home in mostly Muslim West Beirut — the fourth American abducted in the Lebanese capital in three months.

The Reverend Benjamin Thomas Weir was walking with his wife, Carol, in a narrow lane off California Street in the Manara district, when three men jumped out of a car, overpowered Weir, forced him into the car and sped off, the police spokesman said.

The spokesman said the car carried no licence plates and that the Lebanese police had no clue to the identity of the men.

Four persons die on roads

Three persons were killed in motor accidents yesterday and a 15-year-old girl, who was hurt in a motorcycle accident Monday night, died of her injuries.

Hani Abdallah Abu Ziyad, 50, of Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights, was driving a tractor in his village yesterday when a truck tried to pass him and struck the harrow that was mounted on the tractor. The tractor overturned and Abu Ziyad was crushed to death beneath it.

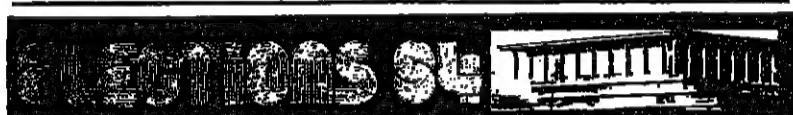
In Gaza, a year-and-a-half-old child, Kaluk Labuz, was killed when run over by a truck that was backing up. The driver failed to notice that he had struck the girl and continued on his way. The police found him later.

Ester Abergil, 50, of Netivot, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon on the Netivot-Beersheba highway in a head-on collision. The accident occurred when her daughter, who

was driving, reentered traffic from the highway shoulder. The daughter and another passenger were slightly hurt.

Tali Tufrenski died yesterday morning of head wounds she sustained when she was thrown from the back of a motorcycle on the road between Ness Ziona and Rishon Lezion on Monday night. The accident took place when the driver of the motorcycle, a 16-year-old boy from Rishon Lezion, tried to pass three motorcycles driven by his friends and collided with a traffic-island signpost. He was slightly injured.

In nine accidents in the Sharon region on Independence Day 14 persons were injured, four of them critically. Sigal Tzadok, 7, was struck by a car and seriously hurt when she was crossing a street in Petah Tikva. She had not used the pedestrian crossing. (Itim)



Tehiya approves its Knesset list

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All internal disputes in Tehiya were resolved last night, when the party council approved the list of candidates for the first seven slots on its slate of Knesset candidates.

The opening trio is headed by Professor Yuval Ne'eman followed by former chief of staff Rafael Eitan, with MK Geula Cohen pushed down from second to the only marginally safe third slot.

The most recent battles in Tehiya, however, centred around the following

ing slots, which are not considered safe by any standard.

The fourth place on the list goes to Gush Emunim Rabbi Eliezer Waldman. Gush Emunim had also demanded the fifth slot, but that finally went to MK Zvi Shiloah who represents the ex-Labour contingent in the Land of Israel Movement.

But Gush Emunim secured the sixth slot for its secretary general Gershon Shafat. The seventh slot goes to Ephraim Ben-Haim of Kibbutz Givat Haim Meuchad. He is a member of Eitan's Tsomet circle.

Weizman: Elections shouldn't delay withdrawal

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

RAMAT GAN. — Urging the government to push for the earliest possible withdrawal from Lebanon, Ezer Weizman yesterday said the proximity of the elections should not deter the government.

Speaking to students at Bar-Ilan University here, Weizman, who heads the Yahad list, said the government should not fear that it will be accused of election gimmickry in

withdrawing from Lebanon before July 23. Weizman said he believes that the right political conditions exist for a deal with Syria and that there is no reason to talk of war with Syria in the foreseeable future.

He believed that an agreement could be reached on the future of the Golan Heights without being razed. Weizman said it should be clear that we will never make peace with an Arab country from the backs of tanks.

Peres pledges cut in settlement budget

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — Labour party Chairman Shimon Peres yesterday told students at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev that if Labour forms the next government, it will cut the budget for settlements in Judea and Samaria, and get the Israel Defence Forces out of Lebanon. These steps, he said, would save some \$3m. a day.

Peres was continually heckled by

Likud supporters. He added that in order to insure the security of the northern border after the IDF withdraws from Lebanon, air force overflights and naval patrols should be maintained, as well as early-warning stations in Lebanon.

If these stations picked up evidence of terrorist infiltration, IDF units would then be sent back into Lebanon, Peres said.

Kollek's Independent list threat still hanging

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek is to go abroad today without formally removing his threat to establish an independent list for the Knesset.

Kollek is still awaiting responses from both Labour Party leader Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to a letter he sent the two politicians about Jerusalem.

In the letter, Kollek asked for some specific promises regarding what he wishes the two men and

their parties to do for the capital. Among other things, the mayor is demanding a special government-appointed committee that would establish a different status for Jerusalem from that of other cities in the country.

Kollek, for example, wants all the district government offices dealing with absorption, the interior, education, health, social welfare, transportation and tourism cancelled, and their authority and responsibilities transferred to City Hall.

Yitzhaki to call for alliance of centrists

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Knesset candidate Yitzhak Yitzhaki will call tomorrow for the formation of a centrist alliance of all liberals running for the Knesset, a spokesman said here yesterday. Yitzhaki also plans to announce at a news conference that

he will campaign on foot in all parts of the country, and will cover 6,000 kilometres by election day.

Yesterday Yehoyakim Mizrahi, head of the organization of young people in the South Tel Aviv neighbourhoods, announced that he is joining Yitzhaki's Knesset list.

Mabat cut by technicians' dispute

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A wage dispute by television technicians caused the suspension last night of Mabat Sheni and service broadcasts.

Mabat news was condensed to three minutes because newsmen were unwilling to allow unedited material to be aired. The material was not edited because the technicians were not manning the editing

machines. Kolbotek was not screened last night after a temporary injunction was issued by Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar hours before the show was due to go on the air.

A company had petitioned the court that the programme had filmed meetings of its representatives with hidden cameras and had used "deceit and trickery" in preparing a piece for the programme.



Israel-born American sculptor Michel Schwartz displays his work, which was installed yesterday in Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem. The sculpture, a piece of brass aluminium forming the word Israel on one side and inscribed with a verse from Pirkei Avot on the other, was presented by the Israel Bond Restaurant Delegation. (Scoop 80)

TERROR

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Ministers were briefed on the state of the inquiry, asking questions about some of the reports they have read in the press. The chief of the General Security Service answered the ministers' questions. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir reiterated his condemnation of the group's actions.

A cabinet source yesterday afternoon denied attempts to "convict" the members of the alleged group before they have even been brought to trial, and slammed "those who generalize about the settlement movement on the basis of the arrest of this small group."

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor, in a statement yesterday to the press, spoke out against attempts to imply that there had been political intervention, or that the government or any of its members had tried to mitigate the seriousness of the terrorism of which the group is suspected.

He said that the government and the security forces "took the necessary actions and the results are the best proof of that. There is no place for accusations against the government that it tried to place obstacles in the way of the investigation or to prevent its progress."

There are written confessions, video-taped reconstructions and oral confessions — as well as other material evidence including captured weapons — with regard to four separate incidents: The assassination attempts on the West Bank mayors in 1980; the attack on the Islamic University of Hebron last summer; last month's sabotage attempt on five Arab buses; and two separate incidents of attempted bombing in Hebron.

In addition, numerous other plots have been uncovered, but it is not clear yet whether the suspects to be charged will also be indicted for those plots which never materialized.

Cabinet sources appeared this week to be far less prepared than last week, to predict that only a handful of the suspects would be charged.

Indeed, while last week they were talking about "four or five people being charged," yesterday, after the cabinet meeting, some sources speculated that "as many as 20" could yet go to trial.

Investigative sources in recent days have upped their predictions about the number of suspects to be tried on the most serious charges to "at least a dozen" and some have suggested that as many as two dozen could go on trial.

Correction

The winner of the Israel Prize for the history of science is Professor Moshe Janner, of Bar-Ilan University, and not as given yesterday.

Gush Emunim divided over Jewish underground

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Gush Emunim leaders last night appeared divided over their attitude to the Jewish underground in the administered areas. There was some very harsh criticism of Kiryat Arba leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger who was accused of being morally responsible for it.

Some 50 Gush leaders, rabbis and other settlers met at the movement's headquarters in Ramat Eshkol in Jerusalem yesterday evening and their closed debates lasted past press time. Some participants said they expected it to continue into the morning.

Reporters were barred from the meeting and participants — evidently suspicious of reporters and General Security Service eavesdropping — kept a constant watch around their one-storey building. From time to time some wiped the mist on the glass windows to see better what was going on outside and a guard ordered reporters off the premises.

Nevertheless, this reporter clearly heard one of the participants strongly criticize what he termed the movement's silence on the developments. He said supporters are dumbfounded and the movement's silence is interpreted as tacit identification with the attackers.

Levinger had blamed the authorities for not acting properly on Arab attacks against Jews, and this, he said, may have led settlers to act as they did.

Levinger's views reportedly reflected the sentiments expressed at a meeting of Kiryat Arba residents on Monday night. A participant told The Jerusalem Post they had blamed the government for "causing a deterioration... Those people (who perpetrated the attacks on the Arabs) are not stupid," the source said. "There is no law. There is a long list of all the things Arabs did against Jews — but they are not punished."

We don't condemn (the Jewish attackers)," the source added. "We are not judges."

The Kiryat Arba people criticized the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District for intending not to participate legal counsel for the suspects. "The council was initially established to give legal aid to people beyond the Green Line (the administered areas) and it is this point on which it is now failing," the source complained.

Before this reporter was spotted by a guard outside Gush Emunim headquarters and ordered away, he heard a participant criticize Levinger for being ungrateful to the authorities. "It's been half a year since buses were stolen," one said.

Gush leader and former Knesset member Hanan Porat also criticized the attacks on Arabs. He said any act that harms the defence establishment harms the State of Israel. "The mere establishment of the underground undermines the authority of the government and security forces, and only they are responsible for the state's security," Porat said yesterday.

Two new settlements

ELON MOREH (Itim). — The inauguration of two new settlements in Samaria will take place today.

The first, Tel-Haim, will be established near the village of Rujib, the original site of Elon Moreh, yesterday the first family moved into the site.

The second, Ma'aleh Levona, is on the Ramallah-Nablus road.

Bakeries in the north to sell costlier loaves

Bakers in the North will today produce only small and expensive loaves, in their ongoing protest against the government's unwillingness to increase the price of subsidized bread.

White bread will sell for IS71 per loaf, twice as much as the subsidized "standard" loaf. Black bread will cost IS68, three times as much as the subsidized loaf.

Evron, former envoy to U.S., chosen Haifa U. president

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Former Israeli ambassador to the U.S. Ephraim Evron was yesterday elected president of Haifa University by the board of governors. He will take up his position on June 1.

Evron, who has held various positions in the government, including the director-generalship of the Foreign Ministry between 1977 and 1978, will replace outgoing President Yosef Teicher, who is retiring for health reasons.

President Chaim Herzog and six other leading figures were last night awarded honorary Ph.D. degrees by the university in recognition of their services to Israel, the Jewish people and the university.

One of the doctorates was awarded in absentia to Prisoner of

Zion Yosef Begun for his continuing efforts to make aliya, his open support for Israel and his unceasing efforts to propagate and teach Hebrew in his native Russia despite the danger.

The five others given honorary degrees are of University Life Chancellor Nathan S. Ansell, chairman of the Ethan Allen furniture-store chain in America, Greville Janner, Labour member of Parliament and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews; Philip Zimman, Philadelphia businessman and philanthropist; Reuven Hecht, chairman of the Dagon Silo company and co-founder of Haifa University; and Professor Binjamin Mazar, doyen of Israeli archaeology.

The doctorates, the first to be given by the university, were presented during the 12th annual meeting of the board of governors.

Blood banks and labs close in government hospital strike

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Blood banks and laboratories in government hospitals were closed yesterday on the first day of an open-ended strike by the 1,500 government-employed members of the biochemists' and microbiologists' unions.

Only emergency tests and blood typing were done and a number of operations were cancelled. Patients hospitalized for diagnosis were released in some hospitals while in others they simply waited. The strike is expected to cost the various health funds at least half a million shekels a day for extended hospitalization.

Jerusalem Labour Court Judge Nehemiah Guttman deferred action on the Health Ministry's request for an injunction prohibiting the strike until this morning. Unless the court grants the injunction, reliable

sources in the Health Ministry say the ministry will do all in its power to end the strike, and may serve back-to-work orders, permitted under emergency regulations, on at least half of the striking workers.

The ministry has not begun negotiations with the Union, but the Finance and Health Ministries have indicated that they will do so if the Laboratory personnel return to work at once.

The biochemists and microbiologists want a salary increment similar to that received some two months ago by service, nursing, housekeeping and administrative workers in government hospitals.

These workers paralyzed the government-hospital system until the sixth day of their strike, when Guttman issued an injunction that ordered them to return to work and obliged the Health and Finance Ministries to negotiate with them.

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political action for which there is no merit or justification," Hughes said. The Soviets have until June to officially decide whether to participate or not in the games.

At the State Department, Hughes said the U.S. believes the Olympics will be able to continue despite the absence of Soviet athletes.

Some organizations of Soviet emigres had declared their intention, to demonstrate against the Soviet regime during the Los Angeles games.

Hughes said these demonstrations were arranged with no U.S. involvement whatsoever. Hughes was asked if officials felt Moscow's decision to boycott the Olympics differed in any way from the U.S. decision not to attend the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

"The difference between the U.S. and Soviet decisions is Afghanistan," Hughes said.

Then-president Jimmy Carter ordered the U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics following the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan.

The announcement by the Soviet National Olympic Committee capped a long campaign of Soviet criticism of the Olympics preparations that was seen in Moscow as an attempt to lay the groundwork for a possible boycott.

"Political demonstrations hostile to the U.S.S.R. are being prepared, undisguised threats are made against the U.S.S.R. National Olympic Committee, Soviet athletes and officials. Heads of anti-Soviet anti-Socialist organizations are received by U.S. administration officials, their activity is widely publicized by the mass media," the announcement added.

In Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee issued a statement saying it had "no

immediate comment" on the boycott.

"We are reviewing the reports very carefully and LAOC president Peter V. Ueberroth and the International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch will meet with President Reagan in Washington at a meeting that was previously arranged. Ueberroth and Samaranch will be available after that meeting for further comment," it said.

In New York City, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley said he was "surprised" by the Soviet decision not to join in the games, which he said would be "a tremendous loss to the Soviet athletes who have trained so long."

Bradley, saying he hoped the Soviets' decision was not final, said "we will make every effort to try to reassure them and resolve the issues so they can change their mind if they want to."

The L.A. mayor was in New York for the start of the trans-America torch relay, which began in front of the UN yesterday morning.

Large bomb dismantled by IDF in Lebanon

SIDON (Itim). — A large bomb was discovered yesterday afternoon in South Lebanon and safely dismantled by Israel Defence Forces sappers.

The bomb had been planted on a dirt track south of the village of Maarub in territory controlled by Senegalese Unifil troops.

The bomb was made up of two mines and 10 explosive bricks.

ROSES. — Hundreds of varieties of roses will be on display at the rose exhibition that opens on Saturday in Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park.

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Sharon alleges plot in Herut vote

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon charged yesterday that the entire Herut leadership has conspired to thwart his bid for a high slot on the party's list in its final elections today.

Sharon's latest comments angered the other Herut politicians, who charged that "everytime Sharon opens his mouth, he damages the Likud electoral prospects." They said Sharon is again seeking to portray himself as a persecuted underdog to win sympathy. Such was his tactic, they said, before his challenge against Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir a month ago, when Sharon surprisingly won 42 per cent of the vote.

Last week Sharon suffered a double blow in the first round of the Herut Central Committee's vote for the party's Knesset candidates. Only one of his supporters was elected to the panel of 35 candidates who are to lead the party's list. The other blow was the fact that he finished ninth in the vote, which was essentially a popularity pique, the final ranking of the candidates will be determined today in a series of secret ballots by the nearly 1,000 committee members.

Sharon charged yesterday that the party leaders were plotting to push him as far down the list as possible.

He also further alleged that his Herut colleagues were concentrating all their ammunition on him rather than on the Alignment. "If they keep going after me, they will be choosing the seating arrangement for Herut in the opposition and not in the next government," Sharon warned.

Deputy Premier David Levy vehemently denied any scheme against Sharon. This charge, Levy said, "is totally unfounded, like his previous accusations. I suggest that the best thing would be for him to trust the Herut Central Committee, which has proven very responsible in electing Knesset candidates and more democratic than any other party. Not only is there no plot against Sharon, but I am certain Sharon will be in the party leadership," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Last week the Herut Central Committee chose the first 35 candidates on its list. But judging from the results of the 1981 elections, only the first 25 slots can be considered safe because the Herut list is merged with those of the liberals and la'am to form the Likud list, pushing Herut

candidates below their own party slots.

Today the committee will hold three votes by secret ballot. First they will choose and rank the first seven candidates of last week's 35. The seven will occupy the positions on the Herut list, as the first slot is assured Shamir.

The following vote will determine and rank the next seven candidates, and in the final ballot the process will be repeated for another seven MKs. The remaining candidates will be ranked according to the number of votes they won last week.

In the ballot for the first seven slots, Levy will try to place second, above Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who finished in that slot last week. Both Levy and Arens will try to foil Sharon's last-minute efforts to get the number 2 slot. They will also try to move Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad from last week's seventh slot to the fourth. That would put him in the leading quarter, after Arens but ahead of Sharon.

Levy and Shamir do not object to Sharon's getting the fifth slot. Of Sharon's supporters, MK Ronnie Milo will seek placement in the first group of seven, and MK Michael Dekel will work for the lead of the second group of seven.

Trial for killing of yeshiva student resumes

NABLUS (Iim). — The trial of the eight persons charged in the murder of yeshiva student Aharon Gross in Hebron last July resumed in the military court here yesterday.

The eight are charged with murder, membership in an illegal organization and possession of sabotage equipment.

When the judges entered the courtroom, the accused, aged between 19 and 26, refused to rise, and did so only after they were warned by the president of the court.

Seven of them recanted their denials of guilt made at a previous session. But they did not profess innocence and preferred to remain silent.

The attorney for the eighth accused protested that his client should not be convicted for belonging to Jihad, an underground Islamic fundamentalist cell, which the prosecution says planned "to overthrow the Jewish state and establish a Moslem theocracy in its place." Jihad, or holy war, he said, is a religious duty laid down in the Koran. If his client is found guilty of belonging to the organization, he contended, then all the Moslems in the world would also have to be put on trial.

Aliya up 21.5% in April

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A total of 1,204 olim and potential olim arrived in April, according to the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption. This is 21.5 per cent more than the figure for March, and 4 per cent more than the figure for April 1983.

The greatest number, 481, came from Africa, 192 from Latin America, 181 from Eastern Europe (146 from Rumania), 167 from Western Europe, and 146 from North America.

In the first four months of the year, 4,772 olim and potential olim arrived.

Electric Corporation told to control pollution

HAIFA. — Interior Minister Yosef Burg has ordered the Israel Electric Corporation to ensure adequate air-pollution controls at its Haifa Bay power station, the municipal spokesman reported yesterday.

The IEC will have to ensure that sulfur and sulphur dioxide emissions, resulting from the burning of high sulphur content fuel-oil, do not exceed permitted levels. The order will be enforced by the regional environmental-protection unit.

Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel, who is chairman of the unit, said the order marked a new era in city hall's battle to eliminate air pollution in Haifa. "We hope the minister will sign a similar order relating to the oil refineries," he said.

Four held after petrol bomb attack on police station

NAZARETH. — Four Arab residents have been arrested on suspicion of throwing a petrol bomb at the police station in the village of Baka al-Gharbiya in the Little Triangle on Independence Day. No damage was caused.

Galilee Beduin: 2,600 tents in 1931, about 30 today

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA. — The Galilee Beduin have abandoned their nomadic lifestyle for permanent accommodation, according to a just-published research paper by Arnon Medzini, of Haifa University's history of the Middle East department.

No more than 30 tents can now be found in the whole of Galilee, compared with 2,600 in 1931. Most have been replaced by wooden or corrugated metal huts or permanent homes, he says.

Another transformation has been the gradual replacement of traditional occupations, like rearing livestock, by paid labour. According to Medzini, 78 per cent of family-men now rely on paid jobs to support their dependents.

Medzini says 20,000 of the 30,000 Beduin in Galilee live in 16 permanent settlements, 5,300 live outside the settlements, and the remainder in Arab townships.

Medzini's research, dealing with the expansion of Beduin settlement in Galilee resulting from spontaneous occupation and planned government policy, is the first in a series of monographs published by the university's geography department.

Medzini says the process of change has stemmed from haphazard

settlement fostered by periods of relative peace in Israel, social and political factors and economic pressures.

His findings show that increased development of Galilee fostered by improved security conditions from the end of the 19th century, through the period of the British Mandate and after the foundation of the State of Israel, together with the dearth of arable land — essential for rearing livestock — undermined the traditional economic foundation of the Beduin.

The government's decision in the early 1960s to recognize Beduin settlements and promote the concentration of population in permanent townships was also instrumental in the transformation of the Beduin from a collection of splinter groups to an established entity.

He says the object of the government legislation was to safeguard state land against squatting and illegal building, and to facilitate the supply of vital services to the Beduin.

The encounter between haphazard settlement and government support for urban centres for the Beduin is creating a number of model settlements, each with its own type of official status, depending on the size of the settlement, its density and structure and the area of privately owned land on which it is built.

'Shirutrom' drive raises IS215m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Twenty thousand people contributed about IS 215 million (\$1.17m) through the sixth annual Shirutrom (Sing and Contribute programme), according to Gali Zahal's David Dayan, one of the organizers. And this time the big banks made no contributions.

Last year IS 50m. (\$1.22m) were raised in Israel.

The project, designed to raise money to provide basic education for soldiers lacking proper elementary schooling, and for improving conditions for soldiers in

combat and field units. This year's campaign began on April 1 in auctions and closed evening in clubs where potential big contributors were tapped.

On Independence Day the public at large was asked to raise money and the contributors' names were broadcast on the radio.

Dayan said the response was so great that the Israel Defence Forces radio station did not have enough time to broadcast all the names.

The management and staff of *The Jerusalem Post* contributed IS20,000.

Conference on Hungarian Jewry in Haifa

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A large contingent of Hungarian historians and researchers are to attend an international conference at Haifa University next week to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the destruction of Hungarian Jewry in World War II.

Among those scheduled to attend are Professors Juhász Gyula and György Ranki of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Elek Karsai of the Central Archives of the Trade Unions, Prof. Ivan Berend of the Karl Marx University of Econo-

mics, and Dr. György Szaraz, a writer from Budapest. They will be joined by Israeli and American experts.

The four-day conference starting on May 14, will deal with several issues including attempts to save Hungarian Jews, the relations between Hungarian Jews and Christians during the Holocaust, and relations between Jews and Hungarians in the underground.

The conference has been organized by the Strickland Institute for Holocaust studies at Haifa University, Yad Vashem and Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot.

Warren Beatty to come to Jlem Film Festival

Jerusalem Post Reporter

American film star Warren Beatty will come to Israel, as the guest of the Jerusalem Film Festival '84, which opens on May 27.

Beatty will be here June 15-18. He

will attend the screening of the movie *Reds*, which he directed and starred in, and will preside at the festival's closing ceremony.

This will be his first visit to Israel and is made possible by the Jerusalem Foundation.



The eighth of 36 truckloads of rubbish collected in Yarkon Park in Tel Aviv after Independence Day celebrations.

Safety campaign to test viewer's ingenuity

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new television road safety campaign with a competitive twist is to start this coming Monday.

The eight-episode series will be aired Mondays just before the *Mabat* newscast and again on Thursdays at 4:55 p.m.

Titled *On the Way Home* the series stars Hanan Goldblatt in the role of a confused driver who gets into numerous traffic scrapes. These predicaments, gleaned from road-accident files, are apt to confront every motorist. For example, what should one do on entering a one-way street in the wrong direction? Or, how should one handle an emergency when no police or ambulances are at hand?

Viewers will be invited to submit their own solutions to

these problems and a lottery among those submitting best answers. Campaign organizers will be looking for the most logical solutions involving the least risk. The lottery winner will be awarded a new car.

The \$40,000 series was financed by the Transport Ministry's Road Safety Authority and was directed by Yigal Shilon. The Broadcasting Authority is donating the air time.

Moshe Amirav head of the Road Safety Authority, says that Israeli drivers have matured in recent years and are driving more responsibly. This is borne out by road-fatality statistics, he says. Up to five years ago, the average number of deaths resulting from motor accidents was 620 a year. But over the past two years, fatalities dropped to 420 a year even though the number of vehicles on the road increased by 40 per cent over the past four years.

Anghelovici judge asked to withdraw

REHOVOT (Iim). — The attorney

for two men on trial for exhuming the body of Tereza Anghelovici and reburial in a Moslem cemetery asked the presiding magistrate's court judge here yesterday to disqualify himself.

Attorney Ya'acov Hetzroni asked Judge Shlomo Yifrah to disqualify himself after the judge called defendant David Ehrenfeld, who was on the witness stand, a liar.

The incident took place when Ehrenfeld, referring to the memorial candles he lit while he and his co-defendant, Meir Agassi, were doing the night-time disinterment, said the candles were lit "to honour all the dead in the (Jewish) cemetery."

"You're a liar," Yifrah told him, and reminded him that he told the police investigators that the candles were lit merely to provide light.

Here Hetzroni asked Yifrah to disqualify himself, saying that the judge had violated the principle of judicial impartiality.

Yifrah said that he would give his answer to the request within two weeks.

Beach deaths up by 47 per cent last year

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Fifty-three people, many of them children under 10, drowned at Israel's beaches in 1983, an increase of 47 per cent over the previous year, Ya'acov Markovitz, the Interior Ministry official in charge of the beaches, announced this at a ceremony here opening the new swimming season on Thursday.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg stressed that drownings at swimming pools have decreased over the past four years from 12 in 1979 to 3 in 1983. He said this proved that drowning can be prevented.

At the end of the ceremony, prizes were awarded for the outstanding beaches (first prize went to Haifa's Dado beach), outstanding swimming pools (best was the Arad municipal pool), and outstanding workers (top prize went to Yosef Lutfi, a cleaning worker at a Tel Aviv beach.)

HOSPITAL. — The Health Ministry will begin building six new departments at the Nahariya government hospital this year, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak has promised. The departments will replace the old buildings and shacks, which have served patients since 1949.

Assaf Harofeh to receive \$250,000 today

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

One hundred and fifty members of the controversial International Beit Shalom movement are to present a cheque for \$250,000 to Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin today. The group, headed by Dr. Wim Malgo, will present the cheque to hospital director Dr. Mordechai Varon as the first payment towards the construction of the \$3.5 million Alisa Begin wing of the hospital, which they have undertaken to fund.

Malgo, a Netherlands-born resident of Switzerland, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the movement, a Bible-oriented Christian group, has donated some \$10m. to Israeli causes in the past few years, including the money to develop the prosthetic unit at Tel Hashomer hospital near Tel Aviv, a mother-and-child

residence in Jerusalem, parks and other facilities.

Malgo said the movement, which cancelled plans to build a hotel in Jerusalem's Gilo neighbourhood last December after Orthodox groups campaigned against Beit Shalom's alleged missionary intentions, will continue to support Israel financially and to try to convince the Christian world of Israel's importance.

REHABILITATION. — Methods of sexual rehabilitation for the paralyzed will be one of the subjects discussed at the 9th International Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Professor Yehoshua Chaco, chairman of the Congress, said here yesterday. The Congress will open in Jerusalem on May 13 and continue for one week.

U.S. dentist to show off new technique

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A series of operations to demonstrate a system of implanting a frame for the purpose of fitting dentures in the lower jaw will be performed by the American originator of the technique at the School of Dental Medicine at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem next week.

Professor Erwin Small of the dental surgery department at Sinai Hospital in Detroit will demonstrate the implantation of a titanium frame that is attached to the lower jaw and which has pegs extruding into the mouth for the attachment of the dentures.

Twenty per cent of those who need lower dentures are not able to wear them because the lower jaw fails to provide a suitable surface for fitting the dentures. The dentures will not remain in place, there is difficulty in eating and speech impediments are common.

The operation, performed many times at Sinai Hospital, has not yet been done in Israel.

41.5 per cent divorced were born in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Forty-five per cent of divorced women in Israel and 38 per cent of divorced men are sabras, according to statistics compiled by the Central Bureau of Statistics and published in this month's issue of *Na'amat* Magazine.

Among those of Moroccan origin, the divorce rate is 14.6 per cent for men and 12.4 per cent for women.

The figures indicate that about 36 per cent of couples divorce before they had children, 29.3 per cent had one child, 23 per cent two children and 11.3 per cent three or more children.

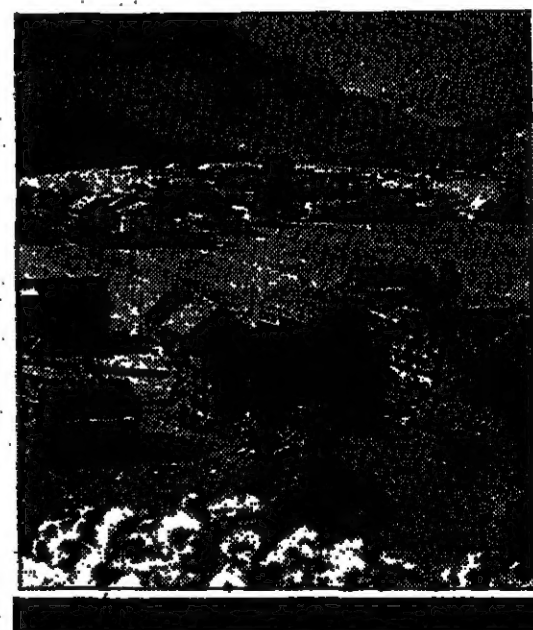
Twenty-four per cent of the couples lived together for between 10 and 19 years, about 21 per cent between six and nine years, 17 per cent divorced after two or three years, and 12 per cent after 20 years of marriage. A little more than 5 per cent of the couples were married for less than a year.

El Al passengers getting news films

Israelis returning from trips abroad on El Al's Boeing 747s and 767s won't have to wait until they get home to catch up with what has been happening in the country.

Yesterday, El Al began showing 20-minute programmes during the flight, containing news clips from Israel Television's *Yoman Ha-Shavua* weekly news programme, sports news and other news. (Iim)

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Palestinian culture centre to open tonight in East Jlem

By EDWARD GROSSMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Palestinian theatre and art complex, the first of its kind in Israel or the West Bank, is due to open tonight in East Jerusalem.

The Nuzha-El Hakawati Centre is named after the Nuzha cinema, formerly housed in the redesigned

and renovated building next to the American Colony Hotel, and the Hakawati troupe whose members conceived of the project.

A spokesman said that the complex is meant to "give the Palestinian community an opportunity to express itself culturally, to develop and allow the arts to take on new dimensions."

At a news conference yesterday, while dozens of workmen and volunteers put the finishing touches to the stage and the 400-seat auditorium, Hakawati actress and costume designer Jackie Lubeck said that the \$100,000 required to rent and transform the building was raised through contributions here and abroad, both from organizations and wealthy Palestinians.

She declined to name any of the donors. However, another member of the Hakawati troupe, Daoud Kut-

tab, said that the fund-raisers did not approach any government or political group, such as Jordan or the PLO, in order to avoid trouble with Israeli authorities.

Kuttab said that so far, there had been only two minor incidents — an outdoor banner announcing the opening was ordered taken down by the Jerusalem municipality, and an 'oud (lute) belonging to musician Mustafa El-Kurd was destroyed while being piled apart by security officials at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Both Kuttab and West Bank painter Suleiman Mansour, who sits on the centre's advisory board, said they were aware that the centre would have to choose its material with care and not indulge in what Kuttab called "political sloganeering" or "flag-waving." He said that in the seven years during which the Hakawati troupe has mounted pro-

ductions on various stages in East Jerusalem, Galilee and Tel Aviv, its members have learned something of the operations of Israeli censorship.

"All our plays will be submitted, as in the past, for the censor's approval," he said. "We plan to go strictly by the book."

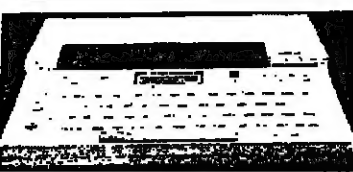
While the centre's activities are described by its organizers as purely cultural, the Hakawati troupe's "main aim," as set forth in a manifesto, is to provide a theatre "alive to the transformation of the Palestinian society, torn by the Israeli occupation and its attempt to destroy social, economical and cultural identity."

Lubeck added that the centre plans to invite West Bank pupils and students to performances and exhibits, thus skirting the civil administration's censorship laws, which are stricter than those applied in Israel.



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Duarte claims victory in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Jose Napoleon Duarte, jubilantly claiming election as El Salvador's president despite an incomplete vote count, said Monday he would welcome U.S. aid but would never let foreign combat troops fight the leftist rebels.

But Reagan administration officials earlier said they were bracing for a new burst of violence from right-wing death squads if the moderate Duarte won the election.

However, they were convinced the election could help reverse the leftist tide in Central America and enhance prospects for congressional passage of Reagan's request for \$132.5 million in military aid for El Salvador for next year.

The officials, who refused to be

identified, said they expected the far right to use violence to signal its demand to be taken into account by the new president.

Preparations are reportedly being made to invite Duarte to Washington to meet with Reagan this month.

Duarte, candidate for the Christian Democratic Party, was carried on the shoulders of cheering supporters to a news conference Monday at which he stressed he would seek a peaceful end to his nation's four and a half year civil war.

"We will not accept any foreign troops, whether they are U.S., Cuban or Nicaraguan. I believe the solution is a democratic solution, not one of violence," Duarte said.

Duarte said unofficial results compiled by his party showed him ahead,

with 55 per cent of the vote, while his challenger in Sunday's runoff election, ultra-rightist Roberto D'Aubuisson, had 45 per cent. He said the figures were based on 94 per cent of the vote cast.

The Central Election Council, which oversees balloting and counting, released no figures and was not expected to have official results for several days.

D'Aubuisson, a cashed-in army general and leader of the Republican Nationalist Alliance, said the runoff results would be so close that whichever party wins would have to accept the other as a potential political force. D'Aubuisson has in the past denied allegations linking him to the right-wing death squads.

One dead, 20 hurt in Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP). — Supporters of the two major candidates in the presidential election clashed Monday night outside the legislative palace where the votes were being counted and a defence force spokesman said one man was killed.

Fistfights broke out among thousands of people swarming around the building and they scattered when shots were fired. A spokesman at Santo Tomas Hospital said at least 20 people were injured, with many suffering bullet wounds.

Opposition candidate Arnulfo Arias Madrid claimed victory earlier in the nation's first direct presidential election in 16 years, and said he

feared there would be street violence if he was denied his triumph. The military has thrown Arias, 82, out of office after victories in three previous elections.

The vote count from Sunday's election was slow, and thousands of supporters of both leading candidates — Arias and the Government Party's Nicolas Ardito-Barietta — gathered outside the building.

A close aid of Arias, Tony Dominguez, said the delay in the count was an attempt to provoke a confrontation. "If they (the government) had won, they would have announced vote totals already," he said.

Two dead, 60 injured in Italian quake

ROME (Reuters). — At least two persons were killed and 60 injured by a strong earthquake that shook southern Italy Monday night, leaving hundreds homeless and causing widespread damage to roads and buildings, officials said yesterday.

A spokesman for the Civil Protection Ministry, which is coordinating rescue operations, said one of the dead was an 87-year-old woman who had died of shock. Most of the injured were hurt by falling masonry.

The National Geophysics Institute, which monitors seismic activity, said tremors had continued

throughout the night although they were significantly less strong than the first shock, which measured eight on the open-ended Mercalli Scale.

It said the quake, which had its epicentre in a mountain village in the sparsely populated Abruzzo region, was powerful enough to cause buildings to collapse. It shook buildings in Rome and was felt as far north as Perugia in central Italy.

The ministry spokesman said no precise estimate of the number of homeless was available although 127 caravans had already been installed in the stricken area and another 500 were on their way.

Informer vs. IRA suspects in UK court

BELFAST (Reuters). — The biggest trial in British history began yesterday when 40 suspected Irish Republican guerrillas faced almost 200 charges — all on the evidence of an informer.

Hundreds of policemen guarded the courtroom where the 37 men and three women went on trial on charges ranging from murder, attempted murder and possession of arms to membership of a guerrilla organization.

The defendants were charged solely on the evidence of Irish Republican Army (IRA) turncoat

Raymond Gilmour, who has been held under police protection for the past two years.

Gilmour, 24, has refused to retract his police statements despite the fact that the IRA kidnapped his father in 1982 and held him hostage for 10 months.

"Republican sources say Gilmour is on top of the IRA's death list of 'supergrasses' — the underworld jargon for informers.

The trial, by a crown court judge sitting without a jury, is expected to last many months and is likely to revive controversy over the use of informers.

2,500 arrested in New Delhi protest

NEW DELHI (AP). — About 2,500 opposition party members, led by a former queen, were arrested yesterday during a protest against government handling of Sikh terrorism in Punjab state, police said.

Sikh terrorists, meanwhile, shot and wounded an unidentified man in Amritsar and set fire to four post offices and a cigarette shop in Punjab, authorities said.

Vijaye Rage Scindia, the former ruler of central India, 10 members of the National Parliament, and 35 state legislators were among the detained 2,500 members of the rightist Indian People's Party and the Central Masses Party, partners in the National Democratic Alliance, the main opposition group.

Thousands of workers of the group have been courting arrest every day since last Thursday to demand firm government action to halt escalating terrorist attacks in the northern agriculturally rich state.

More than 16,000 activists of the coalition so far have warranted arrests by defying a ban on public assembly in New Delhi. A mass protest is scheduled for today.

The 2,500 arrested yesterday were expected to be released, like previous batches, after a few hours detention.

Survival test for Hart in four states

DENVER (Reuters). — With a boost from voters in his home state of Colorado, Senator Gary Hart yesterday took on Walter Mondale in four primaries that could add up to a survival test of his campaign to win the Democratic Party's nomination.

The selection of 43 Colorado delegates for Hart was virtually assured.

based on selection of delegates to county caucuses.

The Colorado contest, however, was a mere warm-up for yesterday's four primaries, with a total of 368 nominating convention delegates at stake in Ohio (154), Indiana (77), North Carolina (75) and Maryland (62).

I like you' — Papua tribesmen tell pope

MOUNT HAGEN. — Pope John Paul celebrated an open-air mass before feuding tribesmen in the South Pacific island of Papua New Guinea yesterday and told them Christianity had brought them together.

The 250,000 strong congregation in this jungle village included tribesmen from some highland areas who saw iron tools and wheels for the first time only about 50 years ago when explorers penetrated the thick bush.

The people, most of them barefoot, waited on a muddy golf course and cheered "Mi pela likum you" (I like you in Pidgin English) as the pontiff arrived for the mass in a white open jeep.

In his sermon in pidgin English, the most widely comprehended of this country's more than 700 languages and dialects, the pope told the tribesmen that by participating in the mass together "you have grown to one people."

There has been a recent resurgence of tribal warfare in the highlands with rival clans using bows and arrows and spears against one another.

The pope also paid tribute to the first Christian missionaries who arrived here a century ago, particularly those who were killed during their work.

After the mass the pope flew to the capital of Port Moresby, where

Sakharov's wife held in closed city

MOSCOW (AP). — Yelena Bonner, wife of Nobel laureate Andrei Sakharov, has been accused of anti-Soviet slander and told she may face treason charges, a friend said yesterday. She has also been ordered to remain in the closed city of Gorky, the friend said.

Sakharov, who was exiled to Gorky in January 1980, has been on a hunger strike since last Wednesday and vows he "will fast until the very end" unless his wife is permitted to leave the Soviet Union for medical treatment, the friend said.

The friend, Irina Kristi, said she was in Gorky — a city 400 kilometres east of Moscow and closed to foreigners — on Sunday and spoke briefly with Sakharov before she herself was arrested and later fined on charges of resisting police.

Bonner's whereabouts had been unknown since last Friday, when Soviet authorities accused her of plotting with American diplomats to leave the country.

Since Sakharov was exiled to Gorky, Bonner has divided her time between her husband and her apartment in the capital, where she often met with Western diplomats and reporters and served as her husband's link to the West.

But Kristi said that last Wednesday, the day Bonner was to come to Moscow, she was handed a formal document informing police were investigating her under Soviet statute 190.1, a law covering activities branded anti-Soviet authorities.

The law provides a sentence of up to three years in prison and often is used against dissidents.

Bonner was also told that she might face a treason charge and was required to sign a statement not to leave Gorky while authorities carry out their investigations.

Iraqi jets raid Saudi oil tanker

BAGHDAD (AP). — Iraqi jetfighters have "raided two large naval targets believed to be oil tankers sailing from Kharg," Iran's main oil terminal in the Gulf region, it was officially announced here yesterday.

An unidentified military spokesman, reading a communique over Baghdad Radio, said the "air raid was carried out last night." He did not disclose further details pertaining to the two stricken naval targets.

However, shipping sources in Bahrain said a Saudi Arabian super-tanker was damaged and ablaze in the Gulf waters. The ship was believed to be the second such casualty of the Iraq-Iran war suffered by the Saudi kingdom in less than two weeks.

Sources said the chartered vessel flying the Saudi flag had finished loading oil at Iran's Kharg terminal and was out of the war zone but in Iranian territorial waters.

They identified the vessel as the 117,710-ton Al-Ahmad, which they said was owned by a Saudi-based firm and managed by the shipping management S.A.M. of Monte Carlo.

Reagan named 'most influential American'

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan is the most influential American, followed by Federal Reserve Board (U.S. central bank) Chairman Paul Volcker and House of Representatives Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, according to a survey conducted by U.S. News and World Report.

The 11th annual survey, published in the weekly magazine's May 14 edition, listed nine federal officials among the 10 most influential people. Dan Rather, who delivers the evening news on the CBS television network, ranked 10th in the poll.

In all three categories, Reagan topped the list. He was named the most influential person in the country for the 11th year.

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Sports

Shlomo makes good start

Post Sports Staff, Agencies

Shlomo Glickstein got off to a good start in the first round of the \$250,000 West German Tennis Open in Hamburg, defeating Hans-Joerg Schwabe of West Germany 6-2, 6-3. The No. 1 seed is Mats Wilander.

In other games, Heli Guntzhardt (Switzerland) beat Wolfgang Poppe (West Germany) 6-2, 6-4; Brian Teacher beat Harold Solomon 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; Libor Pisek (Czechoslovakia) beat Christophe Freys (France) 6-4, 7-5; Jean Zoff beat Christophe Roger-Vasselin 6-0, 6-1; Pablo Arroyo beat Marco Oneto 6-1, 6-2; Wally Masur beat Thomas Hogstedt 6-3, 6-0; Boris Becker beat Sergio Casal 6-3, 6-7, 6-0; Andrei Panatta beat Emilio Sanchez 6-4, 6-2; Bruce Manson beat Eric Persson, 6-4, 6-2; Derek Tarr beat Erik Isenhardt 6-1, 6-4.

In the opening matches, John Sedat beat Marty Davis 6-2, 6-3; Phil Leventhal beat Robbie Venter 7-5, 6-1; Terry Moor beat Christo van Rensburg 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (7-3); Bruce Manson beat Eric Persson, 6-4, 6-2; Derek Tarr beat Erik Isenhardt 6-1, 6-4.

Perez back to triumph

NEW-YORK (AP). — Pascual Perez earned his first victory since being released from a Dominican jail, enabling the Atlanta Braves to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-6 on Monday night.

Perez, who served three months in jail before being convicted of a drug misdemeanor in his home country and awaiting disposition of an appeal, worked 5 2-3 innings, allowing five runs on seven hits as the Braves won their third straight game. Reliever Gene Garber finished the game for his second save.

Perez, who was suspended by Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn but reinstated by an arbitrator, worked his first official game since returning to the United States. He started May 2 against San Diego but the game was rained after three innings.

In other National League action, Leon Durham's three-run homer, his fourth in four games, keyed a seven-run second inning and led the Chicago Cubs to a 10-7 victory over San Francisco, snapping the Giants' four-game winning streak.

Pitcher Steve Rogers broke a 1-1 tie with a run-scoring double in the fifth, and Andre Dawson capped the inning with a two-run single as the Montreal Expos defeated the Houston Astros 4-1.

Mario Soto won his third straight game, and Duane Walker and Wayne Krenchick hit eighth-inning homers as the Cincinnati Reds routed New York 11-2, handing the Mets their third straight loss.

Darrell Porter broke out of a 1-for-14 slump with a three-run homer and added an RBI single, powering the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-1 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers and left-hander Rick Hochey.

Rain washed out the San Diego-Pittsburgh game.

In the American League, Don Mattingly and Steve Kemp hit New York's first home runs in 11 games while Shane Rawley allowed one hit in five innings, leading the Yankees to a 5-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Jim Sundberg and Ted Simmons each clubbed two-run homers to carry the Milwaukee Brewers to a 7-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox. Darrell Evans unloaded a two-run homer and Chet Lemon knocked in three runs to power the Detroit Tigers to a 10-3 victory over the slumping Kansas City Royals.

The Baltimore-Toronto game was called by rain.

In late AL action on the West Coast, Bruce Bochte singled down the right field line with one out in the ninth inning to score Joe Morgan from third base, thus giving the Oakland A's a 6-5 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

Gary Gaetti and Houston Jimenez each knocked in three runs and Mike Smithson scattered six hits as the Minnesota Twins defeated the California Angels 11-1.

Tug-O-War

The first international Tug-O-War Tournament ever to be held in Israel will take place on Thursday at the Yehoshua Gardens next to the Botanical Gardens in Tel Aviv. The sport was introduced into Israel by the Israel Olympic Committee in 1982 and a national association formed last year.

Surrey recovers

EDGBASTON, England (AP). — Surrey, beaten in all three consecutive games for the season, escaped from an awkward situation at Edgbaston on Monday by restricting Warwickshire to its first innings lead of 28 in the only county championship cricket match of the day.

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Zelda Shneerson Mishkowsky (Auerbach)

A rich legacy

A NOTED Hebrew poet, she was known simply as Zelda. A unique personality, intensely devoted to her beloved Jerusalem, she was Zelda Shneerson Mishkowsky, the scion of a famous Hassidic family. A cousin is Lubavicher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Zelda died earlier this month after a long illness. She was 72.

A devout Jewess, she described herself as "a hassid by temperament," but she allowed herself to be photographed and appeared on television. Born in the Ukrainian town of Chernigoff in 1916, she came to the Holy Land with her father, a rabbi, and her mother in 1926, and never left Israel.

She studied first at the "Spitzer" religious school for girls and then at the Hamizrahi Teachers' Seminary in Jerusalem. After graduating, she worked for a while as a house painter. She then studied art and painting in Tel Aviv and later moved to Haifa, where she worked with handicapped children. There she married Haim Mishkowsky, but their happy marriage ended when her husband died two decades later after a long illness.

Zelda returned to Jerusalem and taught, retiring eventually after almost 50 years in the profession. She liked teaching grown-ups and the primary school grades best. "Nothing," she used to say, "gave her greater pleasure than introducing little children to the Garden of Eden, or to Abraham and David and Solomon." Biblical heroines were another of Zelda's interests.

ZELDA BEGAN composing poems when she was a teenager. Her mother's Orthodoxy did not prevent her from being well-read in modern Hebrew, Russian, and European literature, and she influenced her daughter to see the world as a whole. Most of Zelda's poetry dealt with religious themes, but she knew she was part of the outside world. The Holocaust failed to shake her belief. Her intentions and methods are not always fathomable, she once explained, referring to Auschwitz. "Sometimes, He seems to us to be forming His face away. That's all that one can really say."

Over the decades only a handful of her poems were published. But in the late 1960s, a friend, Ada Zvi, encouraged Zelda to collect her poems and have them published. The first volume of collected poems appeared only in 1968. Critics acclaimed her "purity, precision and simplicity," her "lyrical heights and spiritual depths." Three more slim volumes appeared. Among other subjects, Zelda wrote with great feeling about Levi Neufeld, a suspected murderer who committed suicide in 1963 and was later cleared of all suspicion.

Zelda lived quietly in a simply furnished apartment in Jerusalem's Kerem Abraham quarter. In one of her poems she wrote: "my house is built on the shore / I live on the edge of the moon / and of the stars / on the verge of dawns and sunsets."

Zelda was awarded the Prime Minister's Creativity Prize in 1974, was woman of the year title in 1978 and received the Bialik Prize for Hebrew poetry that year. She had little interest in such matters.

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NO ONE KNOWS how many black Americans have come to Israel hoping for a better life as part of the Black Hebrews' Kingdom of God, and no one knows how many of them have perished. Only some 20 death certificates have been issued to members of the community, although defectors claim that as many as 100 infants, children and adults have died since the cult first arrived in Israel nearly 15 years ago.

Because the Black Hebrews believe in natural medicine, only those who are in a critical condition are taken to hospital; and death certificates are issued only to those who die in hospital.

"We have a record of at least 100 people who have died since the inception of this cult in Israel," says cult defector Melvyn Coleman (who was known as Shamur Ben-Israel). "A lot of them I knew in person."

According to Dimona's rabbi, the hevra kadisha burial society has set aside an area outside the Jewish cemetery in the town for the Black Hebrews. "Every death is registered and there is a death certificate from the Health Ministry, with authorization of the Interior Ministry," he says.

But the district health officer disputes this, and the deputy director of the Interior Ministry, Yehoshua Kahana, says that "we are not advised of births or deaths. This is obviously illegal; but it is a fact."

An eager young journalist reported two years ago that he had finally located the secret cemetery - in the municipal dump. Bones were uncovered, but they proved to be animal bones.

Coleman, who defected last year after 12 years with the group and after having held important positions in the Black Hebrews community, says that the bodies of the dead are buried at night.

"Ben-Ami will wait until two or three o'clock in the morning to take out a body and bury it in the moun-

tain; the children he may bury around the garden areas when nobody's looking. He wants the authorities to know only what he wants them to know."

Simply stated, there appears to be a tacit agreement between the rabbi in Dimona and the Black Hebrews that as long as the community's dead are not buried in the Jewish cemetery, they may be buried anywhere.

"No massive action has been taken - like going inside the place," says Kahana. "To accuse anyone, it is necessary for a complaint to be filed with the Health or Education or any other ministry."

As reported yesterday, the Health Ministry has now set up a committee to investigate allegations made by Coleman.

THE COMMUNITY is run like an army camp. Young men with piercing eyes and folded arms oversee every activity. The premises of the village in Dimona are kept immaculately clean and the children are so well-behaved they never smile. Women take shifts sewing everyone's clothes (including the blue school uniforms) and preparing the children's meals in the community kitchen.

Although the community professes not to be isolationist, it is obvious that visitors are not welcome to stray into the private areas - the school, the beit haim (hospital) or the dining room - without invitation. There is a palpable air of suspicion.

Yoahann Bat-Israel, the "deputy minister of education" who guided this reporter through the school (which was in recess), says there are 65 children in the kindergarten, grouped into two sections. There are 30 children to a class in the Kingdom School (higher learning is at the School of the Prophets, which is a practical academy heavily laced with doctrine). The children are grouped into "learning modules, according to age."

PERENNIAL PLANTS are, well, perennial favourites with gardeners. My last column dealt with ground preparation for perennial borders. Now let us consider other aspects of these long-lasting plants. For a small garden, choose plants with a long blooming season and decorative foliage. It is in flowerbeds that the amateur gardener has the greatest opportunity to experiment with colour combinations, form and texture.

Maintenance. Maintaining a flower border means keeping it free of weeds and watering when necessary. Hoeing between plants should be shallow, and not done too close to plants.

As soon as the flowering period is over, stalks should be removed (but not from bulb flowers!). This is done not only for the sake of appearances, but also to avoid seeding. Many garden perennials seed themselves freely if given the chance. Since most of these seedlings will prove inferior, this only adds to the weed problem.

Winter protection is most important for a recently planted border. It should consist of a mulch of dry leaves, pine needles or similar material. The protective covering should never be placed on the plants, but should be spread between and around them. The most dangerous enemy of the perennial border is winter rain; if drainage is not good, standing water causes root rot, and plants die. I am quite sure you have had a similar experience with a potted plant - either it was in a pot lacking a bottom hole or the hole was not covered with a flat stone, so mud blocked the outlet, surplus water remained, and roots became rotten. The best method to ensure proper drainage is to build the bed with a slight inclination from back to front or from the middle to both sides.

Combinations. People like to mix annuals and perennials, usually creating a high-growing background of perennials with two rows for annuals up front. Perennials don't flower as abundantly as annuals, but their advantage is that they live for many years. Usually they die down in fall and come up again in spring.

All border plants recommended here are available locally. Some you may want to buy at a nursery, but remember that many can be had at

no cost by getting rooted runners or cuttings from garden-minded friends or neighbours. You have only to study the requirements of the plants and to learn about the best season for propagating and planting.

Low growing perennials: *Achillea* (yarrow, *achila* in Hebrew) grows about 10-12 cm. high, has aromatic, finely cut foliage and red flowers. It produces creeping suckers and should be thinned out every 2-3 years. *Ayuga reptans* (bugleweed, *hadsafa sohelet* in Hebrew) is a low crepper with metallic, decorative leaves and dark-blue flowers in spring. Propagate by rooted runners.

English daisy (*Bellis perennis*, *bat-hen* in Hebrew) produces lovely little flowers in white, pink and red from April through the entire summer season. There are also some species with large flowers, so-called double types. If planted in partial shade in fairly rich soil and kept well-watered, they will persist for many years. Height about 10-12cm. Propagation by seedlings.

Santolina chamaecyparissus (lavender canon, *santolina* also in Hebrew) is truly a very low border plant for that first row. Very small silver-grey, very aromatic leaves and yellow (pea-size) flowers. After it blooms in early autumn, you may cut *santolina* to ground level. The remaining root stock will soon start new growth; the cuttings serve for propagation. The greeting "welcome to Jerusalem" in Hebrew on a ridge just outside the capital is made from *santolina*.

Fragrant violets (*Viola odorata*, *sigal rehani* in Hebrew) are another low-growing perennial with small purple (sometimes also white) flowers. They bloom in late winter. After blooming, this flower plant sends out suckers in all directions and should be thinned out. Violets do well in partial shade. Height about 10-12 cm. Propagation by rooted runners in spring.

Plants of medium height. German irises, or purple hays, (*Iris germanica*, *iras germane* in Hebrew) are a popular border plant in many old gardens. They flower in purple or white in April and reach a height of about 40-50 cm. There are higher-growing species of German iris, flowering in yellow or purple, which should be kept as third row plants in the perennial border. Propagation by corns in late summer.

Kniphofia is a plant with many

DEATH IN THE NIGHT

NEWS BACKGROUND: The Black Hebrews III/Liora Moriel

All classes are divine - divine history, divine sports, divine reading, writing and arithmetic. Many of the teachers have been trained exclusively in the community school system. The headmaster and dean of the school system ("he's a great historian") is leader Ben-Ami Carter's closest adviser, Shaleak Ben-Yehuda, who is now recovering from a stroke.

The uniqueness of the school is stressed in the concentration exercises devised by the community: children are taught to recite prayers, such as the *Shema*, or the Ten Commandments at once, in sequence and in other permutations to test their concentration.

"This is good at the beginning of the class, but not necessary," says Yoahann. The children eagerly show off their skill.

Defectors say the educational level of the community's children is low. "You take an average 10-year-old Israeli child and compare him with a 10-year-old in the cult, and the cult child's level is about six years old, says one.

Carter is aware of the problem: "I have no doubt that we are a little below the national standard," he says. "We would like volunteers to help from outside. We have some serious problems in this field."

Carter says that as soon as the community receives official status in Israel he will send the children to the public schools: "We are trying to

Perennial favourites

GARDENER'S CORNER/Walter Frankl

Sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*, *melanit* rehanit or *salselei* kessev in Hebrew) is officially registered as an annual, but when kept weed-free and watered regularly, it can be treated as a perennial. There is an alyssum in my neighbour's garden that has been growing and flowering for seven years and is still attractive. Small fragrant flowers in white or purple with a long blooming season. One of the best plants for an edging. The small seeds should be sown where they are to grow. Height about 10 cm.

A succulent from South Africa *caryophyllus* (also called *mesembryanthemum*) is *telkanit* in Hebrew. It yields small, very decorative flowers in purplish red or pink. When left in the ground for 2-3 years, it forms a pillow-like attractive edge, which flowers 2-3 weeks in early summer. This plant is also known as dew flower. Height 10-12 cm. Propagation by cutting in September.

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Kniphofia is a plant with many

names. It is usually offered here as *trionia*. Other names are red hot poker, poker plant or torch lily. The Hebrew name is also *kniphofia*. This plant was given its botanical name by the man who found it in Africa. Professor Kniphof. Leaves are long and grass-like. The extraordinary, tubular flowers are borne on long spikes and bloom from mid-summer until early autumn in red, orange, yellow or white. Height about 45 cm. *Kniphofia* is propagated by dividing root stock, which should be done in autumn. The exotic flowers are often used in vases.

Statice (sea lavender or *limonium*, *ad-ud* in Hebrew) produces purplish, blue, pink, yellow or white straw-flowers about 40 cm. high. Propaga-

Holocaust was a lie perpetrated by Jews and that the blacks are the true Israelites. Defectors say that the cult's children are taught to hate - and they are afraid of whites.

Apart from doctrine, little is taught in the community school: "They are illiterate," says Geneva Halley, who left the Black Hebrews shortly after joining the community in Dimona 10 years ago and has been helping others to defect ever since.

"When they leave, they have no skills, no Hebrew. They are helpless and cannot find work."

"Ben-Ami's got a psychological hold over these people," says defector Coleman. "He enslaves their minds." Both say that Carter can, like Jim Jones of Jonestown, get his followers to commit mass suicide. "He's told them many times that death in Israel is better than life in the States."

BUT CARTER has six communities in the U.S., as well as one in Liberia and one in Guyana. He has several legitimate enterprises - soul food restaurants, boutiques, a construction firm. But Shamur alleges that the cult (Carter calls it the "nation" and its citizens "saints") finances itself through illegal activities.

The FBI apparently agrees. It is seeking at least 24 Black Hebrews believed to be in Israel. But it is not looking very hard. According to a spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Israel, there are no extradition requests for any of them.

A sentence passed by the Supreme Court of Washington, D.C., on November 29, 1983, is illuminating. It rejected an appeal by Edward Lemon, a member of the Black Hebrews who was convicted of multiple counts of passing "falsely-made, falsified-altered securities." The court noted that "members of the group (Black Hebrews) had a substantial history of fugitivity." The court went

on to state that Lemon's "crime was part of a larger pattern of economic crimes committed by Black Hebrews to fund their 'repatriation' in Israel."

It has been alleged that group members travel freely between Israel and the United States using forged documents. Those who had been deported from Israel for various crimes in the early Seventies have been known to return under false names.

Halley tells the story of Paul Jackson, who was known in Arad as Ahvodon. He was deported in 1973, but later returned. In the summer of 1982, he lay dying but could not be taken to hospital because he was not supposed to be in Israel at all.

"He died on a Thursday and wasn't buried until Sunday. The body stayed in their blue truck in their parking lot over the weekend. A fellow went to the truck to get something, and when he discovered the body, it was smelling, with flies all over. The man almost went into shock."

Obviously, a death certificate was not issued in this case. Despite such blatant violations of the law, neither Israel nor the U.S. seems eager to prosecute group members for any but economic offences.

According to police sources, there are no files open on the group - "they are on their best behaviour. They don't want to give any cause for deportation."

But the Interior Ministry knows that people are coming and going illegally all the time - and it even knows who and when at times.

Recently, Beverly Hutchinson, a black woman who passes for white and has British papers, was stopped at the border with Jordan and not permitted to enter. Anava Bat-Israel, as she is known in Dimona, then took the children she was trying to smuggle into Israel to Egypt and, three months ago, entered through Rafah.

(This is the third of a four-part series)

tion by seed in spring. Flowers may be dried for winter bouquets.

Cheiranthus cheiri (wallflower, *yas-huv* or *mantur isuhav* in Hebrew) is a native to the Himalayas but this plant has thrived in this country for many years. It flowers in brown, yellow and orange in spring and reaches a height of about 40cm. Flowers are very fragrant. Propagation by seedlings in early spring or autumn. After blooming, the plant should be cut down by half and mulched for winter.

Alyssum saxatile (*alyssum hastriatum* in Hebrew) is a fragrant yellow flower from the mustard (cruciferae) family. Its leaves are greyish silvery-green. Trim with shears after flowering. About 20-30cm. high. Propagation by seeds, cuttings or division during late summer.

Stocks are one of the oldest cultivated flowers in the world. Buddhist monks in India cultivated this flower (*Matthiola incana*, *manior* in Hebrew) as early as 300 B.C.E. and valued it for its strong scent at night. At the famous Taj Mahal in Agra, there are long beds of stocks on both sides of an ornamental pool. Perhaps the first perennial border in the world was planted here. This plant is related to the wallflower and owes its

name to Peter Andrew Mathioli, a 16th century Italian physician and botanist. It grows about 40-50cm high. Propagation by seedlings in early spring. The smallest seedlings of this plant often produce the best (double-filled) flowers, so don't discard them.

Beautiful, very attractive flowers can be had from columbine, *aquilegia canadensis* (*aquilegia* also in Hebrew). It blooms in spring in white, golden-yellow, pink, lavender-blue, lemon and purple. This flower thrives and blooms well in a sunny location or in partial shade. It disappears completely in winter, but springs up anew from underground root stock in February. It may be left undisturbed in the ground for 5 or 6 years, and in every new season, it will come out stronger and with more flowers. Propagation by seedlings or by division, for which a sharp-knife is required.

Gardeners, take note. Besides the medium-high border flowers mentioned here, you may put in your beds many of the popular, spring-flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, Dutch irises, etc., as well as all kinds of geraniums.

Tall-growing border flowers will be the subject of the next column.

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Economic Conference puts accent on factory visits

Effort to sell results of R&D

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "We are making every effort to keep the pep-talk speeches down to the minimum; we want to drive home our message while the visitors are actually touring industrial plants, while they are examining the fruits of our R & D efforts."

This is how Eli Hurvitz, president of the Manufacturers Association and chairman of the Public Council advising the Economic Conference, is planning to "sell Israel." After all, "seeing" is more convincing than any number of speeches.

Hurvitz says the Economic Conference, which opens in Jerusalem on May 20, will be different from former ones in two main areas. First, the guests (some 300 have already booked hotel rooms and another 100 have indicated they will come) are mainly from the world of business, not the world of philanthropy.

"If they see an opportunity to make money, they will invest, either by providing marketing, know-how or by putting down cash. They are not going to be swayed by speeches," he says. Secondly, since they are hard-nosed businessmen, they want to meet industrialists in the field, not in hotel lobbies. Hurvitz says a fair percentage of the guests are non-Jewish.

"The idea is to create a dialogue between the visitors and local industrialists and businessmen." To accomplish this, speeches will be cut down to a day and a half; visits to factories will take up most of the rest of the week.

The guests will be divided into groups of 15. They will be joined in a bus assigned to them by 15 of their

Israeli counterparts. Thus the dialogue can start while they are driving from plant to plant.

About two thirds of the visitors are industrialists themselves; the remaining third represent financiers whose specialty is to raise money for sophisticated technological industries.

"Israel spends about \$1 billion every year on both civilian and military R & D," Hurvitz notes. The objective is to exploit as much as possible of military R & D for civilian purposes; and furthermore, to see that this civilian R & D is "exploited to the utmost."

Hurvitz explains that R & D is a fixed cost. "We have to pay for it anyway, so we might as well get as much out of it as possible." He wants the visitors to try to get a good grasp of what Israeli industrialists are doing in this field, and to translate it to their needs abroad. "If we manage to sell one per cent of our R & D — and this is not a great percentage — we will have sold \$10 million."

But he does not expect many immediate sales. "These visitors are

not the type who pull out their cheque book immediately. They will check and double-check the Israeli R & D, and then go home to see if something comparable is available there. But once we whet their appetites, we will have started the ball rolling. And we are sure that we are competitive in all fields."

Hurvitz admits that the big problem is the "thin line between civilian and military R & D." But every effort will be made to show the guests as much as possible, "without endangering the country in the slightest."

Fourteen types of tours are planned. For example, there will be the university tour with the adjoining science-based industrial park. "One such tour will start from the Weizmann Institute of Science, another from the Technion. A third will go to the Military Industries."

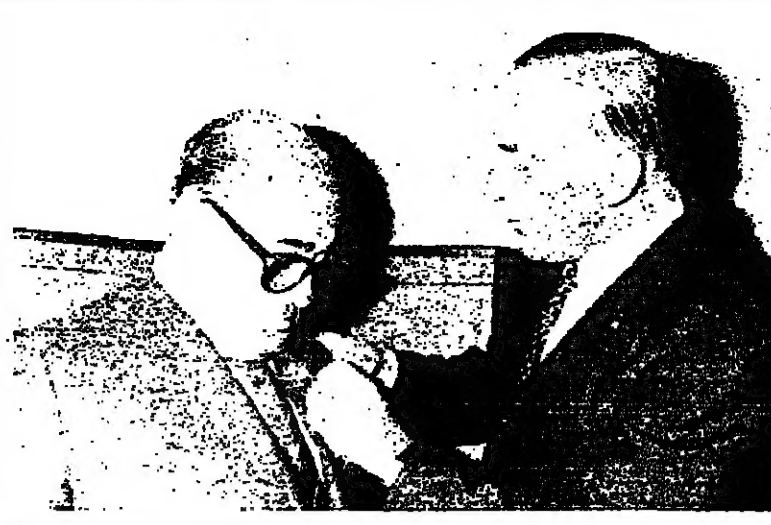
One distinguishing characteristic of the Economic Conference is that it will be a political, with a complete ban on any electioneering. "The entire economy has joined hands to make this meeting a success."

Israel seen as growing technological power

NEW YORK (JTA) — Top executives of Fortune 500 companies view Israel as a growing technological power and a role model for U.S. business, a new study reveals. According to Research and Forecasts, the New York-based firm which conducted the research, Israel's emergence as a centre for technological development demonstrates a significant shift among business leaders away from the U.S. and Europe as a breeding ground for new ideas and technology.

The executives cited Japan and Israel as the top nations in stimulating research and development efforts among individual companies and entire industries. Both countries have policies which encourage cooperative efforts between industry, universities and government, the report said.

The survey was conducted in connection with the Jerusalem Economic Conference, an international forum on high-technology industries to be held next month in Israel.



Dutch Ambassador Maarten van Berckel (right) pins the insignia of an Officer of the Order of Orange on Benno Gitter at a ceremony in Tel Aviv recently. The award was made in recognition of Gitter's efforts on behalf of bilateral trade and of help he extended to Holland after World War II.

First to make new-type contact lense

D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Israeli company, Silco, based in Jerusalem will be the first company in the world to undertake the commercial manufacture of flexible, long-wearing contact lenses.

The new lens, made of a silicone-based material, can be left in the eye for a week before being removed for cleaning. A number of people have reported no discomfort with the lens and have suffered no damage even when the lens was left in place for several weeks. A hospital in Germany undertook the research with

lens users.

Many companies around the world have been engaged in recent years in research into lenses that will do away with the need for nightly removal and soaking.

The new silicone-based plastic is also said to have greater adherence, lessening the incidence of lenses falling out. Because of its super-flexibility the lens is said to be suitable for people with unusual visual problems.

The lenses will be marketed in Israel and in several foreign countries.

Levy on imported canned fish reimposed

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Trade Ministry has reimposed the levy of \$1.10 per kilogram on imported canned fish, in response to pressure by the Fishermen's Union. In addition, the imports are subject to a 20 per cent

customs duty.

The levy was cancelled by the ministry on January 1 without the knowledge of the fishermen or the canning industry. This resulted in large-scale imports of canned fish allegedly at dumping prices.

When the sardine fishing season opened last month, the fishermen found industry unwilling to buy their catches. The fishermen then protested to the ministry, which led to the reinstatement of the levy. The ministry did not, however, accede to the request to raise it to \$1.50, union secretary Itamar Katz told *The Post*.

Trade retaliations

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Senate Finance Committee wants to authorize trade retaliation against countries that fail to act against companies that counterfeit American products.

The committee estimates that counterfeiting of everything from jeans to stereoscopes costs the U.S. 130,000 jobs and \$8 billion in lost sales. It voted to allow the U.S. president to deny preferential trade treatment to exports from offending nations.

Duty-free treatment is accorded 2,850 categories of products originating in more than 140 countries. About 0.5 per cent of all U.S. imports came in duty-free between 1978 and 1981. About 40 per cent of U.S. exports went to developing countries.

Egypt lowers dollar rate for private importers

CAIRO (Reuters). — The Egyptian Ministry of Economy has lowered the rate at which banks operating in Egypt can sell dollars to private sector importers to 1.17 Egyptian pounds to the dollar from 1.18, banking sources said.

The move is the first adjustment the ministry has made in new exchange rates introduced March 31 to curb a thriving free market, over which the government had no con-

trol.

The sources said the slight reduction reflected government confidence that the new rates were successfully attracting dollars into the state-supervised banking system.

The rate for private sector importers is one of five official rates for the Egyptian pound, which vary between 0.70 pounds to the dollar for priority imports to 1.235 to the dollar in the free market.

Kibbutz industrial exports increase

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Exports by kibbutz industries rose by 25 per cent in the first quarter of 1984, compared to the same period in 1983, to stand at \$55 million, Oded Winkler, coordinator of the kibbutz industries reported recently.

About half of the exports were to the Common Market, and about one quarter to North America.

The export leader was the plastic and rubber sector, which increased its exports by 36 per cent, to \$19.5m., while metal goods rose by 18 per cent, to \$10.5m. Processed foods also rose by almost 18 per cent, to stand at \$14m.

As for percentage growths, electronics jumped by 54 per cent, while handicrafts soared by 259 per cent, but both sectors constitute only a small percentage of total kibbutz exports.

'Modest dress' order upsets UK bank clerks

LONDON (AP). — British women working at an Iranian bank in the City of London financial district have been told they will be sent home unless they cover their heads and arms, wear dark clothing and use only "minimal makeup," a union leader said this week.

"It is unreasonable and they should not comply with it," said John Townsend, negotiating officer for the 151,000-member banking

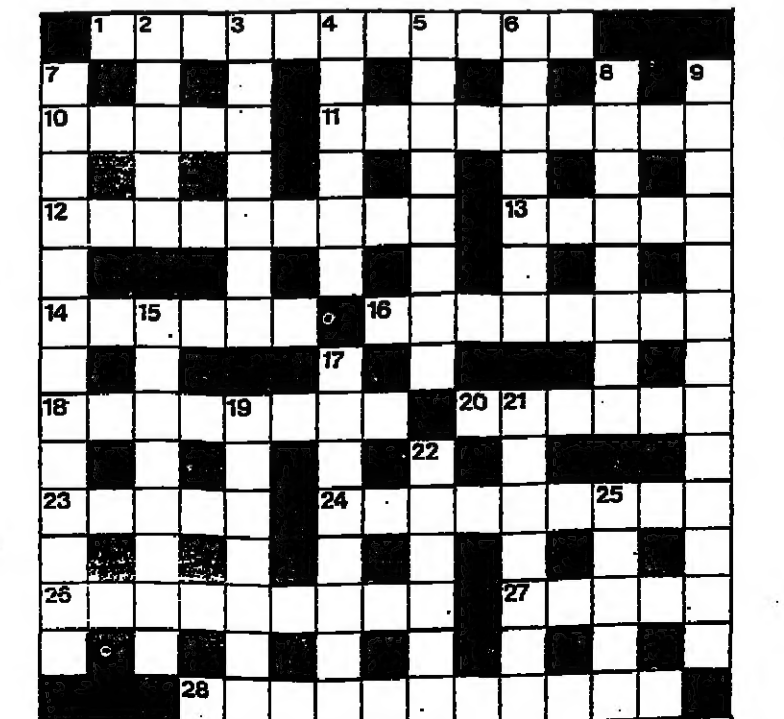
insurance and finance union, after the order by senior officials of the Bank Mellie Iran in Moorgate.

Townsend said the 50 women involved were "very angry" and complained to their union over the edict to comply with Islamic fundamentalist custom as practised in Khomeini's Iran. There are numerous Moslem banks in London and the Iranian order about dress is the first known for the union.



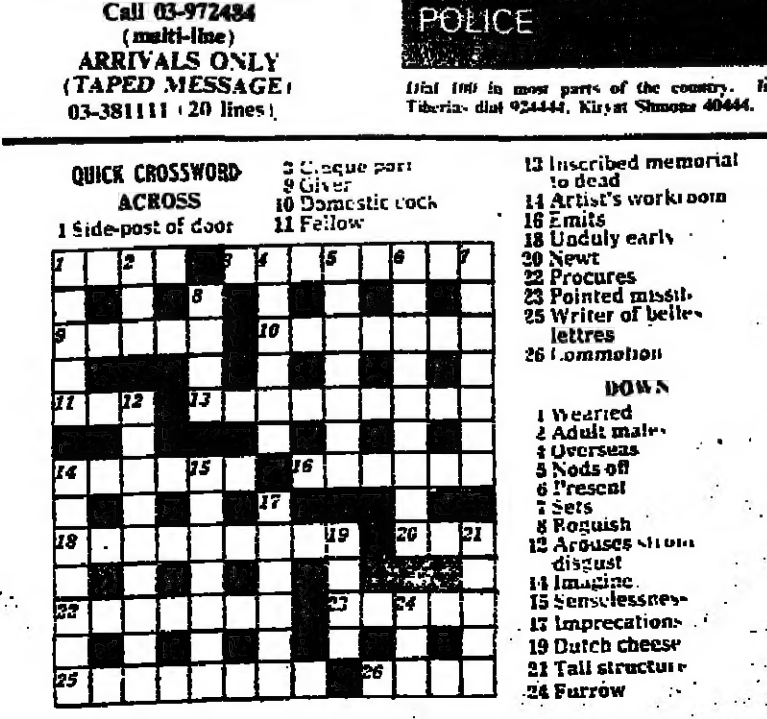
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Manhattan fair to push sale of villas and flats in Israel

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Fifty per cent of New York Jews interested in buying a home in Israel list Jerusalem as their first choice, a recent survey commissioned by the Tel Aviv-based Akido group shows. Akido is a marketing firm that represents more than a score of Israeli building companies.

The survey, claimed to represent a wide sample, was made in preparation for the Israeli Home Sales Fair to be held in New York city late in June.

Akido said the sampling encompassed 15,000 Jewish households in Metropolitan New York. Approximately 23 per cent of the respondents said they intend to buy a home in Israel, about half of them within three years. Another 18 per cent replied they were not interested in owning a home in the Jewish State, 38 per cent expressed interest in

learning more about Israeli home ownership and 21 per cent said they would consider a purchase, but solely on economic grounds, rather than out of Zionist motivation.

The ten-day Israeli Home Sales Fair will be held in Manhattan. The 30 Israeli builders and contractors exhibiting will offer a wide range of flats, villas and cottages, not only in the ready-for-occupancy stage but also in the process of construction.

Because of certain legal restrictions, home sales will not be consummated at the fair. However, the agreed-upon price of a home whose sale is negotiated at the fair will include a free New York-Tel Aviv return ticket for the purchaser, to enable him to come to Israel for the closing of the sale.

Following the New York fair, similar events will be held in other U.S. states, Canada and Europe, the Akido group said.

Call for C-o-L increment in May salaries

TEL AVIV. — A ranking member of the Histadrut central committee has called for the payment of a cost of living increment this month to cover price increases in April. The April consumer price index, to be released on May 15, is expected to reach 20 per cent.

In a letter to secretary-general-designate Yisrael Kessar, Industrial Democracy Department chairman Naftali Ben-Moshe said that, in the light of the expected inflation rate for April, it is inconceivable that the salaries workers will not be compen-

sated in their May salaries.

Ben-Moshe suggested that if no agreement is reached by May 15 in the negotiations between the Histadrut and the private employers, a temporary agreement be reached whereby the workers would be paid monthly according to the C-o-L agreement. In terms of a 10 per cent agreement, the increment would be paid quarterly at a rate of between 80 and 90 per cent.

Ben-Moshe's proposal will be presented to the central committee at its meeting next Sunday.

Two major U.S. banks raise prime to 12½ per cent

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Chase Manhattan Bank and Manufacturers Hanover Trust yesterday raised their prime lending rates from 12 per cent to 12½ per cent.

It was the third raise in the prime rate in the last two months, and came as the dollar made fresh gains on world foreign exchange markets.

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Temporizing won't do

THE VOICE of Israel's collective conscience spoke through President Chaim Herzog when, in an Independence Day address, he lashed out at the "deranged minds" that had been responsible for the "treasonous acts" discovered lately. "Unbalanced men," the president said, "would have brought disaster on the people of Israel, the state and the Zionist enterprise."

How could exception be taken to these sentiments? Mr. Herzog did not seek to pre-empt the legal judgment of the courts in the cases of those among the dozen detainees, all of them residents of the territories occupied in 1967, against whom formal charges are yet to be brought. All he did was to deliver a moral judgment on whoever might be found guilty of plotting the vengeful killing of Arabs by the booby-trapping of Arab buses — and of other similar acts, such as the attack on the West Bank mayors and the murders at Hebron's Islamic University.

Indeed, it is inconceivable that the president should have glossed over the central event in the life of the country during the previous ten days, and that he should have treated it differently.

Yet the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District has taken Mr. Herzog to task for suggesting that some, at least, of those now under interrogation could be guilty men. The council has now retreated somewhat from its earlier blanket dismissal of any and all accusations against the detainees as mere "incitement" and "provocation." But its starting point is still the plea of complete innocence.

Some settler leaders realize this just won't do. The detainees have cast a heavy shadow on the entire settler movement. These latest detainees are not odd balls from the fringes of society. These are members of the settler elite, and the reports indicate that at least some of them have set up an organized underground whose purpose is to terrorize Palestinian Arabs not only into ceasing all attacks on Jews, but into total submission to Israeli rule — and possibly into fleeing the country altogether. It is the courts that will determine how damning the evidence against the detainees actually is. But the case against the actions taken or contemplated is plain.

Efforts are now being made by the founding fathers of Gush Emunim to draw a line between the few terrorist fanatics and the main body of settlers. Thus the NRP's Zevulun Hammer, a chief founder, has finally broken a painful silence and decried nationalism for its own sake that may lead to breaking the commandment "Thou shalt not kill," while Hanan Porat, the former Tehiya Knesset Member, employing more down-to-earth terms, has criticized attempts to undermine the authority of the state — and to force the Palestinians into mass exodus.

But the true representative of the ideological hard-core of the settlers today is neither Mr. Hammer nor Mr. Porat but Rabbi Moshe Levinger who, even when prodded by an interviewer, could not bring himself to denounce the crimes of which the detainees are suspected. In fact, he went out of his way to justify those "treasonous acts" to which the president referred by the failure of the authorities to stamp out all manifestations of Arab terrorism.

It is the malignant spirit of the annexationist Hebron rabbi that stalks the territories, and so long as it remains unchecked the enterprise of settlement across the Green Line will be suspect. Thus it is not good enough for Premier Yitzhak Shamir to urge that "the faults of individuals" not be held against "a large group of settlers, pioneers and fighters." There may be a direct linkage between the "permanent historic fact" which the "united" as Mr. Shamir has termed the settlers, seek to establish over Greater Eretz Yisrael, and the evident action plan of the counter-terrorist underground.

As in the case of Sabra and Shatilla, when the then prime minister, Mr. Begin, vacillated and President Yitzhak Navon spoke out in ringing terms, now again it is the premier who mumbles and the president who represents the nation's highest values. That we have presidents who understand is, however, no consolation for the absence of moral leadership elsewhere.

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agreement, which Herut wants amended. The agreement specified that Herut and the Liberals each get every other candidate on the Knesset list up to the 22nd slot. From the 22nd to the 40th slot, the Liberals get seven to Herut's eleven and from there the arrangement reverts to an even division.

In Herut this is viewed as giving the Liberals gross over-representation, as most Likud voters are thought to come from Herut supporters, with negligible, if any, contribution from the Liberals. The Gahal agreement resulted in the Liberals entering the Tenth Knesset in 1981 with 18 MKs.

But according to the deal now being discussed, this will be the last election campaign in which the Gahal agreement will be in force. The institutions of Herut, the Liberals and La'am — the third smaller Likud component — would be merged in the coming few weeks, before the elections campaign gets fully underway. The first to be merged will be the central committee of the three parties.

When the time comes to choose candidates for the 12th Knesset, they will be elected by secret ballot by the members of the united central committee. There will no longer be any

reserved ratios of candidates for any of the united Likud's former component parties.

Other moves, which will come before the present elections, will be a legal union of the Likud component parties and pooling of their resources and holdings.

Herut insists these moves should precede elections. The idea that they should be postponed until after the elections is regarded as waiting to lock the stable door until after the horses have had a chance to run away. After July 23, another over-large Liberal contingent will have entered the Knesset and will not need to pay attention to Herut's long-simmering resentment. This was the case in 1981, when the Likud's component parties ceremoniously announced plans to unite and even signed an official undertaking to that effect. After the elections, the Liberals ignored the entire issue.

If the legal union and pooling of property, moreover, takes place before the elections, the Liberals would be much less likely to cross Knesset lines after the elections. Herut fears a wholesale Liberal defection in the event of a Labour victory on July 23, with many Liberals seeking to win cabinet seats and other jobs by joining a Labour-led coalition.

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Another senior official, cabinet secretary Dan Meridor, said: "I don't think this appointment in itself can improve either the security in the south or the implementation of the (Israel-Lebanon) agreement of last year," which was abrogated unilaterally by Lebanon in March.

Kimche also said the new Lebanese cabinet under pro-Syrian Prime Minister Rashid Karamé "represents age-old rivalries instead of new hope," and has done nothing to stop the factional fighting in Beirut.

This government will not be able to last very long," he predicted.

Kimche said that the Christian Lebanese Forces militia, which is opposed to the Lebanese government, would open an office in Jeru-

salem on May 17 and that its staff may receive some privileges normally accorded to diplomats.

Pierre Yazbek, a representative of the Lebanese Forces, has been in Jerusalem for the past four months. He was joined recently by a temporary assistant from the Lebanese Forces and said yesterday he expects four or five permanent staffers to join him soon.

Kimche said: "It is possible we will grant privileges just as we have to other offices," such as the Multinational Force and Observers stationed between Egyptian and Israeli troops in the Sinai Desert, and the International Christian Embassy, an umbrella organization for a variety of mostly Protestant groups in Jerusalem.

RAW DEAL FOR THE ELDERLY

By BARUCH SAVILLE

JUDGING BY the reaction to my article "Not So Golden Years" (*The Jerusalem Post*, March 1) it is obvious that more pensioners are in difficulty than I had imagined.

Numerous phone callers added their own version of the growing problems facing pensioners, particularly those who depend solely on the social benefits paid by the National Insurance Institute. Some of the callers admitted shame and ignorance, while some of the younger generation even expressed a feeling of guilt.

Most touching, perhaps, was the call from a man who had apparently neglected his aged parents although he knew that they found great difficulty making ends meet. Like most Jewish parents, they had sacrificed so that their children could study. And in their old age, they had nothing to live on but the payments they received from the NII.

Listening to all the callers, I began to wonder what could be done to help. Then I had another caller — an accountant — who was full of indignation.

"While every other sector received an advance payment before Pessah," he said, "recipients of NII pensions were forgotten."

In fact, they had received a 10 per cent increase in February on account of the steep cost-of-living increase.

Pointing out that NII payments are made after price increases, and thereby lose much of their purchasing power, the accountant added that within six months the NII payments had lost half their value.

IN FISCAL 1983/84, the total NII payment for a couple with maximum seniority was IS176,450 — for two people for an entire year. The accountant then referred to the "fat" IS100,000 or so that is allotted to each of some 20 former MKs — every month. This is in addition to the 25,000 free phone calls they are allowed each year even though they

are no longer in the Knesset and the special medical services, both in Israel and abroad, that are available for former MKs and their families.

The former Knesset Members, added the accountant, appeared to be quite content to feather their own nests even at the expense of the pensioners.

The plea, "Cast me not off in my old age," is now more poignant than ever given the present runaway inflation.

Is there really nobody who cares about the aged?

OF COURSE, their predicament can only become more acute. While prices rose last year by some 240 per cent — and this year is expected to rise by as much as 400 per cent — there should be deep concern for the NII pensioner, the value of whose meagre monthly payments erode before they are even received.

At the time of writing, matters have become considerably worse. In fact, matters are growing worse from day to day as billions more shekels are poured into the economy.

The average NII pensioner has already reached the point where he has cut his expenses to the bone and cannot cut any more.

No concert — what pensioner can afford IS2,200 a seat, or even IS500 for a cinema seat. No money for shoes, perhaps even a shirt or a pair of slacks. So, they go without.

But even the elderly have to eat. Since Pessah, however, prices have rocketed sky-high for even the basic necessities. At the Carmel market, cucumbers were IS100 a kilo, tomatoes were IS200 a kilo, while cauliflower (popular with the elderly as a main food) rose to IS150 a kilo.

Small wonder, then, that the number of elderly customers who descend on the market after closing time to pick up spoiled fruit and vegetables, has grown. Now payments have to be made for municipal

taxes and water — up some 300 per cent over last year. Staggering, too, was the latest electricity bill. For using the minimal amount of electricity (100kw) in March, the bill was over IS2,000.

And no one can predict where it will all end. What is certain, though, is that like many other things that need attention, something must be done about the plight of the elderly.

One fact that should be faced is that within a few years, the number of elderly people in Israel will total some half million, with many well into their seventies and eighties.

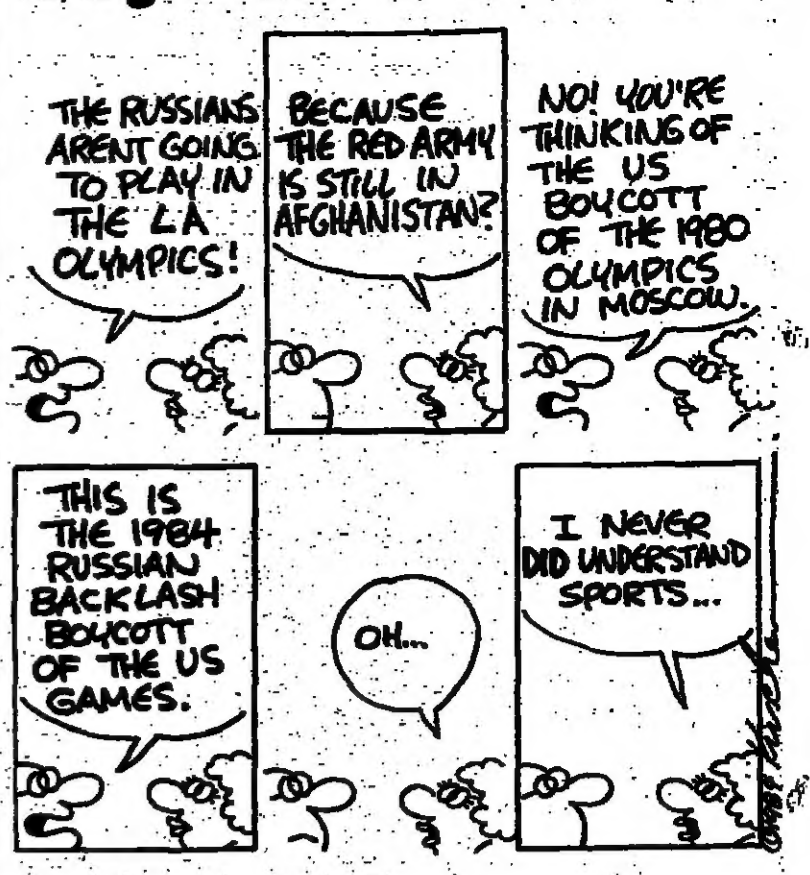
WHAT IS the solution? Certainly, many of the problems could be alleviated if workers were permitted — and given an incentive — to work full-time after the official retirement age of 60 or 65, and were prepared in some way for the time when their working life would end.

Many people who are now retired would and could continue working in another job, but they soon find that they are exploited and receive about half of what a cleaning woman gets. But bad as that may be, worse is that the elderly are mostly sent to the basement, where they are either given filing or simple accounting tasks — with no light, no air and no one to talk to.

Being fully absorbed is a cure in itself for many of the ills of old age, yet so many retirees are faced with an "emptiness." A lot more people would have been recipients of pensions from their places of work if the young works committee members could have been bothered with what would happen 40 years hence — all they bothered about was earning more today, receiving more fringe benefits, and possibly doing less work.

There is a wealth of hidden talent among retirees — in the fields of law, accountancy as well as other professions and trades, all of which could

Dry Bones



be developed. Yet, in this day and age, the amount a retiree can earn without losing his NII benefits is trivial and meaningless, and it leads to wage exploitation.

It is doubtful whether a few "enlightening" stories will really bring any startling innovations or, at best, even an increased awareness of the problems.

MEANWHILE, everything soars in price and the fate of the elderly becomes more acute. But all is not lost for some minor problems are being taken care of.

The Tel Aviv Municipality, through its Elderly Citizens Department, has pupils of the Shevach High School "on call" to do minor repair work for the elderly, such as changing fuses, or fixing a shelf or the like.

How many people stop to think that elderly people can do little or nothing without the aid of the professional electrician or plumber... but how many pensioners can pay

the prices? As limited as this school project may be, it certainly is a step in the right direction.

A friend in Netanya reminded me of the "meals on wheels" project started by settlers from Britain in 1981 serving a dozen or so meals. Last year, the service provided no less than 22,000 meals to the needy.

And the Netanya organization is only too pleased to give any advice and help to help similar groups get started in other centres.

Doubtless, many other helping hand organizations do exist and their efforts could be duplicated and extended.

Helpful as these hand-outs may be, though, nothing can replace the need of the elderly to continue to be useful members of the community. And that should be the principal aim of anybody who cares.

The writer is a retired member of the El Al staff.

A good word for 'shlihim'

By JOSEPH ROMANELLI

aliya by educating the Diaspora public in terms of the significance of Israel and the lifestyles and alternatives available here.

As a processor, the *shaliach* must become knowledgeable about a myriad of regulations in order to prepare the potential oleh, regulations pertaining to absorption of olim, customs, the Treasury, IDF, employment, education, investment, housing, etc. He must be prepared to answer questions without end and to help process papers related to aliya, travel, loans, visas and shipping. Ideally his or her background should include training in psychology, especially interviewing, social work and office administration.

For promoting Israel and aliya, the *shaliach* must have a thorough Zionist and Jewish education and commitment. He must be an inspiring public speaker, work well with and be able to negotiate with numerous Jewish organizations, many of which resent each other. Of course, the *shaliach* must also be acceptable to them. He must help organize aliya circles, aliya councils, parents' groups and aliya conferences.

THERE ARE about 30 aliya *shaliachim* in North America. The chances of finding 30 such ideal people to fill these posts are extremely slim. If we assume that the ideal *shaliach* is someone who has made aliya and been successfully absorbed and who then goes back to his former community, we must ask how easy it is to find such persons who would be willing and/or can afford to take three years out of their fulfilled lives and new career track? How many qualified native Israelis could take

the time?

Conditions of overseas service is another misunderstood myth. Despite the image of the *shaliach* enjoying a three-year holiday and coming back loaded, I found my service financially unrewarding, and never in my life have I been under greater time and psychological pressure.

The office day is 9 to 5. Almost every evening has its demands. There are meetings of Jewish organizations that wish a speaker or before which you as the *shaliach* wish to appear. Friday evenings and Saturday are opportunities to appear before synagogue congregations, and Sundays are for aliya circles, organizations and conferences and for parents' groups. There is also travelling to cover communities in a territory usually spanning several states.

In addition to time pressure, interviewing itself is a difficult job over an extended period of time. While many persons are easy to process, most are not. Some people with severe emotional problems seek a solution through escape to Israel, those emotionally strong and seeking a better life may lack the financial resources or practical experience to make it in Israel. One cannot count the number of divorced women with children and with no profession who are convinced that the solution to their problem is to live on a kibbutz, although they have never visited Israel.

Even the "average family" is difficult. In aliya it faces a severe change in lifestyle and does so with fears and hesitations. It looks to the *shaliach* to guide it both in the petty details of preparation and in the sublime matters of motivation. The *shaliach* has to judge when to be firm, when soothe

ing, what advice should he give and to what extent should he offer his personal opinion. The whole issue of authority versus assistance is a thorny one. And facing this situation two to eight times a day puts a heavy load of responsibility on the *shaliach*.

As a reward for accepting these pressures, the *shaliach* receives a modest salary, two weeks' vacation a year, and no home leave during three years of service.

GIVEN the demands of the job and the conditions of employment, I believe we are getting better than what we pay for and should be fairly satisfied. In North America today, there are eight native English-speakers serving as *shaliachim*. Some are excellent, some below average, but most are average, and by this I mean people of above-average abilities who meet the challenge of the job without making grievous errors and who work with dedication.

These persons serve their and our cause for two to three years and return to Israel to find a public who sees them as having returned from an extended vacation: to find that their peer group at the office has advanced career-wise while they return to their former slot; and to find that the work they came to believe in and dedicate themselves to is unappreciated by all, including some of the public organizations they represented.

The value of a *shaliach* cannot be measured in numbers of persons coming on aliya. His value is measured in the level of preparation of those that do come, in the formulation of expectations, in the number of persons who visit Israel as a result of a talk or personal example, in the raising of the general level of awareness of the option of aliya in the

community he serves in and even in the number of people whom the *shaliach* discourages from coming for reasons of psychological, financial or professional unsuitability. While many will argue that it is not the job of the *shaliach* to refuse to assign someone wishing to make aliya, it also is not arguable that every unsuitable person becomes a financial burden on the state and suffers a personal tragedy in his unsuccessful attempt. The prevention of such a double tragedy is to the credit of the *shaliach*.

THE ALIYA *shaliach* is a resource — a source of inspiration and information. Unlike other *shaliachim*, he can remain aloof from political involvement in order to push Israel programmes and aliya.

The nature of the media is such that complaints receive attention. Thus we constantly read letters from those who say they made aliya despite their *shaliach*. I would venture to say there are many more olim who would say their *shaliach* did a decent or good job in helping them prepare for the big move, and who gave them a measure of confidence or who was there when they had a question or felt the need for a word of encouragement.

I believe aliya *shaliachim* is necessary and therefore the challenge is not to criticize unconstructively but to improve the process, to do away with political influences and to develop a professional, corps of *aliya/kliya* workers. We must ensure thorough selection, training and conditions of employment that we are getting the best qualified and most highly motivated candidates.

The writer recently returned from the U.S., where he served as an aliya *shaliach*.

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